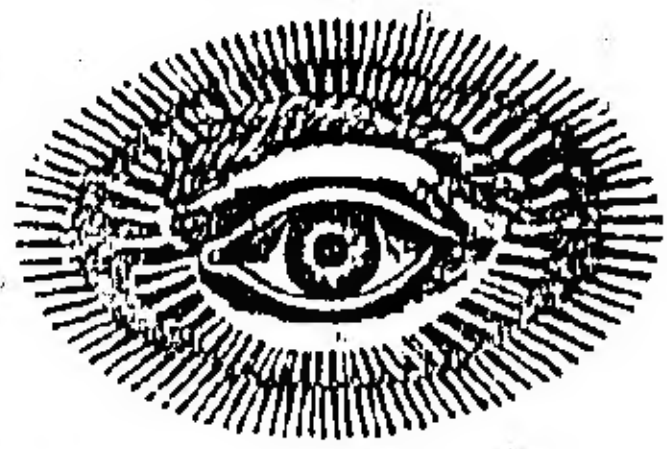


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SERIOUS HAPPENING AT WUHU.

FIRE DESTROYS B. & S. HULK.

It is sad to relate, but is a fact, that the moral effect of these shootings seems to be good.

Secret Death Sentences.

THOUGHT TO BE COOLIES' REVENGE.

HANKOW "RED" CHIEF'S SURPRISE RESIGNATION.

THE CANTON EXECUTIONS.

A serious affair is reported to-day from Wuhu, where Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's hulk (which is really a floating landing stage and godown) has been destroyed by fire, doubtless as an act of revenge by coolies who were chased away by British naval ratings on Friday. Chinese troops have taken possession of the International Export Company's premises there and there has been considerable looting.

Perhaps the most significant news to-day is that the newly-appointed "Red" military chief at Hankow, General Tang Seng-chi, has resigned, the cause being due, it is said, to his failure to obtain a vote of confidence from the Government there. Another report says it was due to dissension between General Tang and General Li Pin-hsen, his chief subordinate.

A brief but illuminating story from our Canton correspondent tells of the executions there on Saturday morning, when among the "extremists" shot were two young women students—girls who whimpere before they were executed.

There are indications that a big engagement is pending between the rival Southern and Northern forces in the region of Kiukiang, and large guns are being mounted near Chinkiang.

Wuhu, April 24. General Tang distrusts Li, and apparently in reprisal for recently when Tang's force was Saturday's incident, when a naval reconnoissance and enlarged, Tang armed guard prevented a mob of gave his two other leading sub-coolies from attacking a British ordnance, Liu Hsing and Ho Yver steamer alongside the Butterfield and Swire hulk, and as the new 35th and 36th armies, result of which several coolies re- while General Li, who had given ed minor bayonet wounds, the more valuable service than the other B. and S. hulk was set on fire to-day and destroyed.

The hulk was a large wooden floating landing-stage and godown and it was burned out before effective fire resistance could be put up. Troops have now taken possession of the International Export Company's premises. Considerable looting has taken place.

Passing ships were not subjected to gunfire to-day.—*Naval Wireless.*

WAR'S PROGRESS.

Large Guns at Chinkiang.

Chinkiang, April 24. Signs of activity in the Yangtze foris are increasing steadily. Guns of a large calibre are now stationed at the Hsiang Shan Bluff, and a number of large guns have been sent to Gold Island Hill where a battery is being arranged.—*Naval Wireless.*

Big Engagement Pending.

Kiukiang, April 24. The military are organising for a big engagement in the near future. There has been a considerable increase in troop movement for three days.—*Naval Wireless.*

"RED" GENERAL RESIGNS.

Hankow's Expedient.

Hankow, April 24. General Tang Seng-chi, the "Red" military chief, has handed his resignation to the Hankow Government. It is understood that his resignation followed the failure of his attempt to obtain a vote of confidence.

The Government has now commenced absorbing labour pickets into the army.—*Naval Wireless.*

Jenalousy The Cause.

Canton, April 24. According to telegraphic reports from Hankow, General Tang Seng-chi, the "Red" military chief, has tendered his resignation from the post of Commander of the 8th Army.

General Li Pin-hsen has been appointed by the Hankow Government to take the post vacated by General Tang.

The reason for this change is that although General Tang has an army of 100,000 strong, most of his best troops are under the direct command of General Li Pin-hsen, his chief subordinate.

FIRE ON A CHINESE STEAMER.

PANIC LEADS TO MANY FATALITIES.

AN ANTI-FOREIGN CANARD.

Hankow, April 9.—The steamer Pengpu, a Chinese-owned river steamer, caught fire yesterday after having left her wharf here bound for Shanghai. The vessel was packed with people, having on board at least four times the number that would be permitted on a foreign-owned river steamer. Like all steamer and railway systems under Chinese control, without foreign supervision, safety of life is the least consideration. There were on the ship at least 2,000 civilians and 1,000 armed troops.

The ship had not been under way more than an hour when smoke began to pour skyward from her after deck. In a few minutes the after section of the ship was aflame. The thousands on board became panic-stricken and in the rush to escape, before the steamer could be tied up to a wharf on the other side of the river, many men, women and children were pushed overboard, swept away in the swift, yellow, Yangtze and drowned. The fire was finally subdued but the ship suffered much damage and will not be able to proceed for a considerable time, until it has undergone extensive repairs.

Typical of the attitude toward foreigners here were the shouts which went up from the Bund front when the vessel was seen afire. Coolies quickly spread the word that "foreigners had set fire to the Pengpu in a dastardly plot to kill the 3,000 Chinese on board."

CITY BUREAU.

INTRUDER CAUGHT RED-HANDED.

Early this morning, the premises of Messrs. Wallamal Doolchand, at No. 18, On Lan Street, were broken into by a burglar, who effected an entry by breaking open a window at the rear. He had forced open two safes and extracted their contents, before being discovered and arrested.

A watchman, who heard a suspicious noise from the ground floor, discovered the burglar, and then went upstairs to inform the manager of the firm, who was sleeping on the top floor. The two then went into the ground floor, where they found the burglar, crouching under a table.

On the burglar, when he was turned over to the police, was found a sum of \$230 which he had stolen from the safes.

MEXICAN OUTRAGE ECHOES.

DEPORTATION OF PRELATES.

Mexico City, April 24. In addition to the Catholic prelates already mentioned in earlier messages, it is learned that the Archbishop of Puebla, Bishop Huejutla, has also been placed on a train for Laredo.

It is reported that other prelates who are remaining in the country will be deported when found.—*Reuter's American Service.*

MOTOR THIEF.

SENTENCED AT KOWLOON.

Charged with stealing a tin of automobile body polish, a spanner and a pair of pliers from Naval Yard Serjt. Mason's motor car which was left unattended in Navy Street during the night, an unemployed Chinese was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning.

The defendant stated that he had arrived from Shek Lung where he had left penniless and not having any abode he slept in the car. At 4 a.m. this morning he was leaving the car and saw the articles mentioned in the charge. He picked them up and was then arrested by Sergeant Palmer of the Royal Naval Yard Police.

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MAN EXONERATES A WOMAN.

ADMITS OPIUM POSSESSION.

Saying that he did not wish to see his friend's wife sent to gaol for an offence which he committed, a Chinese, who was not then charged, came forward and admitted to the ownership of 299 taels of prepared opium, in the Central Magistracy this morning.

Originally, a Chinese woman residing at 432, Queen's Road Central, was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell for being in possession of the drug, and Mr. D. McCallum, who defended her, caused something of a sensation when he announced that the real owner of the opium was in Court, and was willing to come forward and admit that the defendant knew nothing about the opium.

On being called, the man came forward and told his Worship that he was a fireman on board the On Ting. In reply to further questions, he said that the opium found in the woman's house was left there by him, and that the woman's husband was a great friend of his. He said further that the opium was purchased by him in Macao.

His Worship instructed the Police to have the man charged.

A New Defendant.

Some half an hour later he was brought up in Court charged with being in possession of the 299 taels of prepared opium.

His Worship: You admit that the opium was under your control? Defendant: A friend asked me to take it down here and promised to give me 20 cents for every tael.

His Worship: Why did you leave it in this woman's charge? She is the wife of a good friend of mine, so I left it at her house for a while.

What did you intend to do with it?—I meant to hand it to another ship bound for Singapore. Mr. Lindsell asked the Police if there was any reason for them to disbelieve the man's story, and was informed that the authorities were satisfied it was true.

Chivalrous Man.

Mr. McCallum: There is one comment I would like to make, and that is on the chivalrous action of this man in coming forward. As your Worship knows, in cases of this sort, the woman invariably is made to pay the penalty. Here is a man, however, who comes forward and tells your Worship frankly and candidly that—

His Worship: I understand that the husband is a friend.

Mr. McCallum: No doubt, and he has made use of that friendship, but as soon as he sees that they are likely to get into trouble he steps forward chivalrously and takes the entire blame on himself.

His Worship: It may not be entirely chivalry. The husband may have something to do with it. The man was fined \$25,000, hard labour, and the woman, under the circumstances, was fined a nominal sum of \$50, or four weeks.

TJILBOET DAMAGE.

WORK OF SEPARATION PROCEEDING.

It is learned that the work of cutting the stranded Tjilboet in two is proceeding with expedition, the operation being favoured by the prevailing good weather conditions.

The task is an exceedingly risky one, for the cutting operation cannot be carried out beneath the waterline, and chance takes a large share in the completion of the break.

No definite time can be given for the conclusion of the job, but it is hoped that the aftermath will be floated successfully during the current week.

The Tjilboet, of the J.C.J.L., has now left the port, sailing for Java yesterday. The Talingko remains standing by the Tjilboet in case of unforeseen developments.

Among the passengers who departed from Hongkong on Saturday by the Katori Maru for London and ports were Capt. S. F. Sander, Rev. Mother M.C. Hansel and Rev. Mother M. C. Dorviller.

CANTON ANTI-FOREIGN POSTERS.

CHINESE LAW STUDENT SENTENCED.

SOME AMUSING CARTOONS.

Charged with being in possession of posters on which appeared cartoons and statements of an anti-foreign character, a young Haka, who stated that he was a student of a law college at Canton, was convicted and fined \$250, or four weeks' imprisonment, by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Police Court this morning.

Acting Chief Detective Inspector Reynolds, handed up to the Bench the papers which formed the subject of the charge, and the Magistrate, after commenting that the cartoons seemed rather amusing, asked defendant if he admitted that the papers were in his possession.

Defendant replied in the affirmative, but qualified his admission with the plea that he bought the papers from a newspaper vendor to read on the way down from Canton. He was returning to Swatow by way of Hongkong and had no intention of using the papers here.

The Acting C.D.I. said that the defendant was arrested on landing at the Canton Wharf from the Fat-shan, subsequent to a search made of his portmanteau, which disclosed the papers in question sandwiched in between layers of clothing. He was not known to the police beyond his statement that he was a law student. If that were true, the defendant should have realised what he was doing, being an educated man.

JAPANESE BANK CRISIS.

CO-OPERATION DECIDED UPON.

Tokyo, April 25. The Cabinet has decided to extend the moratorium to all the colonies except Formosa.

The banks which are members of the Tokyo Clearing House have issued a statement that they have agreed to co-operate in every way possible in rendering each other assistance.

The Bank of Japan has stated that it intends to extend help to all the banks, including those which have no transactions with the Bank of Japan.—*Reuter.*

WORLD DISARMAMENT.

DIFFERENCES CAUSE POSTPONEMENT.

Geneva, April 24. In view of the fundamental divergences of opinion between the large majority of the preparatory committee for disarmament, and the Italian and United States delegations, in regard to the question of application and supervision of the proposed Disarmament Convention, it has been decided to postpone the second reading until about the end of the year, for further consideration.—*Reuter.*

NEW LIQUOR BASE?

A SOUTH SEAS DEPOT.

Wellington, N.Z., April 24. News from Papeete suggests that Tahiti is likely to become a new base for the shipment of liquor to America.

It is stated that a steamer bound for Australia recently called at Papeete and landed into bond \$1,000 cases of assorted liquors, mostly whisky, and then a Canadian steamer loaded 10,000 cases, presumably intended for Vancouver.—*Reuter.*

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ANTI-RED MEETING

NATIONALISTS SLATE COMMUNISM.

SHANGHAI RESOLUTIONS.

A meeting, which illustrates very definitely the turn to moderation of the Nationalists in Shanghai and the general trend of feeling amongst the citizens of Shanghai, was held at the Hain-wai Theatre (New Theatre) on Monday afternoon last week under the auspices of the Political Department of the Southern Army. The meeting was attended by about 3,000 persons, amongst whom were many unarmed, uniformed Nationalist soldiers.

The meeting was supposed to have been held at the Public Recreation Ground near St. Catherine's Bridge and was advertised widely as being a meeting, sanctioned by General Pei Ching-hsi, to celebrate the removal of the Nationalist capital to Nanking. Amongst those present were high official representatives of General Pei, as well as heads of the various local students, labour and women's organizations and representatives and officials of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce and Chambers in the native cities.

Borodin The Unwanted.

One of the most important phases of the meeting was the acceptance of a document to be despatched to the Central Executive Committee of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which reads:

"In view of the fact that the oppressed races of the world are continuously subjected to the aggressive acts of the imperialists, our president (Dr. Sun Yat-sen), animated by a desire to struggle conjointly with the Government of Russia, requested Borodin to come to China and appointed him as adviser in 1923.

"Contrary to all expectations, Borodin has for years availed himself of the advisorship in order to stir up dissension amongst the members of the Kuomintang party and, in collusion with the conspirators in Wu-Han, has recently done all in his power to disturb the rear line of Nationalist forces in the hope of subverting the basis of the Revolutionary operations.

"In view of such heartless and outrageous actions, the citizens of Shanghai who are meeting to-day in celebration of the removal of the seat of Government to Nanking and the restoration of the Kuomintang's power, have published Borodin's guilt and unanimously resolved to request the Nationalist Government to remove Borodin from office and expel him from China so that he may not be a source of evil and humiliation to the Revolutionists.

"The Soviet sympathizers are assured, however, that on no account will the Chinese people cause the late President's policy of allying with their Government to be affected by Borodin alone."

As Wolves and Tigers.

The principal speaker at the meeting was Chen Chung, chief of the Political Department of General Pei's army, who spoke for more than an hour on the evils of Communism. He said that before joining with the Kuomintang, the Communists declared that they would abide by the Three People's Doctrine of Dr. Sun Yat-sen and obey all the orders of the Kuomintang. However, in contravention of the promise they had usurped the control of the political administration after the capture of Hupei province and had then tried to supplant the Kuomintang in all set up Communist regimes in all of the territory captured by the Nationalist armies. Now Communists refuse to supply funds and provisions for the Nationalist troops, who are engaged in a life-and-death struggle in Northern Kiangsu. By this action they have seriously endangered the success of the anti-Northern campaign.

The speaker further denounced the Communists as the vanguards of "a new brand of imperialism which would be more ferocious than the wolves and tigers."

Speeches of a similar tenor were made by other officials of the meeting after which the following resolutions were passed:

1. That a circular telegram be sent through the country announcing the removal of the Nationalist Government to Nanking.

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FLOOD VICTIMS.
GREAT SUFFERING IN MISSISSIPPI AREA.

Washington, April 23.
Declaring Mississippi floods to be among the worst in the history of the country, President Coolidge has appealed for subscriptions for the relief of the sufferers.

The President refers to the efforts of the War Department and other Government agencies, but expresses the opinion that the burden of caring for the homeless rests with the American Red Cross.

Advices from various points along the river show that the suffering has greatly increased during the past few days by the unseasonable cold, accompanied by heavy snowstorms in some places where fruit trees had begun to bloom. The sunshines, however, reappeared, and it is hoped that the turning-point has been reached.

The conference, appointed by President Coolidge, consisting of Red Cross Society delegates and members of the Cabinet, has decided to attempt to raise five million dollars.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Aeroplanes Search.
Washington, April 24.
Government aeroplanes are hovering over the flooded sections of the Mississippi seeking people who are marooned on the roofs of buildings.

Hundreds of negroes are reported to have been seen on the tops of houses and trees scantily clad and having evidently been without food for many days.

President Coolidge has requested Army engineers to proceed to the area to establish a relief organisation.—*Reuter's American Service.*

NEW GOVERNORS.
BURMA AND INDIAN PROVINCES.

London, April 23.
The King has approved the appointment of Sir Charles Innes as Governor of Burma, in succession to Sir Harcourt Butler, and of Sir Alexander Muddiman as Governor of the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh in succession to Sir William Marris.—*British Wireless.*

Sir Harcourt Butler has been Governor of Burma since 1923. He graduated in the Indian service, and his successor, Sir Charles Innes has similarly served in many capacities in India.

Sir William Marris has been Governor of the United Provinces since 1922. His successor, Sir Alexander Muddiman, has been Home Member of the Executive Council of the Governor General and Leader of the Assembly since 1924.

AROUND AMERICA.
END OF THE "GOODWILL" FLIGHT.

Miami, April 24.
The Chief of the Army Air Service ascended in an aeroplane to meet the four aeroplanes which participated in the "goodwill" expedition to Latin America, returning at the conclusion of their eighteen thousand mile flight to Central and South America, where in two airmen were killed at Palomar on February 27.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Cairo, April 24.
Sarwat Pasha, who was foreign Minister in Adly Pasha's Cabinet, has agreed to form a ministry.—*Reuter.*

JAPANESE CRISIS.
KOREA AND KWANGTUNG.

Tokyo, April 23.
Though the moratorium imposed by the Cabinet at present applies only to Japan Proper, a Cabinet meeting was held this morning to discuss its enforcement in Formosa also.

The Colonial Bureau is now drafting a similar proposal for Korea and Kwangtung.—*Reuter.*

Effect in Formosa.
Tokyo, April 23.
The uneasiness due to the suspension of the Bank of Taiwan synonymous with the Bank of Formosa has resulted in a general strike of the Formosa employees, demanding better treatment, all factories in Formosa being closed.

The Government has decided to suspend further shipments of specie to America.

In spite of the moratorium the Yokohama Specie and other exchange Banks will continue transactions in cheques and drafts, whilst life insurance companies have mutually agreed to pay but whatever is due during the moratorium.—*Reuter.*

SHANGHAI OUTRAGE.
FOUR MEN ARRESTED IN GEDDES CASE.

Shanghai, April 24.
The French Police have arrested four men in connexion with the Geddes case.—*Reuter.*

It is just over five weeks since four armed Chinese entered the house of Mr. C. E. Geddes, an old man who had retired from his position as head of a well-known Shanghai firm, and robbed him of Taels 3,000. They forced their way into the house on the night of March 7th, locked the Chinese servants in a cupboard, tied Mr. Geddes' legs, and struck him about the face and head with a revolver until he signed cheques totalling Taels 8,000. The cheques were cashed the following morning, the marauders remaining all night taunting and threatening their victim. He was released in an exhausted condition after the cheques had been cashed.

The harrowing story of his experience was published at the time of the outrage.

PENSIONS.
BRITAIN'S HEAVY WAR BURDEN.

London, April 23.
In a statement regarding the help given to war sufferers, Major Tryor, Minister of Pensions, yesterday said that the compensation paid by the United Kingdom to disabled officers and men and other sufferers of the Great War represented an average contribution from every man, woman and child in Britain of about thirty shillings a head, which was actually one half as much again as the corresponding contribution made by the inhabitants of France, Germany or the United States.

Since the Armistice, the Pensions Ministry had spent no less than £98,000,000 in weekly allowances for the maintenance of orphans and pensioners' children, and even now, nearly nine years after the Armistice, more than £8,000,000 a year was thus expended.—*British Wireless.*

London, April 23.
Signor Bordonaro, the newly appointed Italian Ambassador in London, who until recently was Secretary-General of the Rome Foreign Office, has arrived in London.—*British Wireless.*



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JAPANESE VESSEL HITS ICEBERG.

Tokyo, April 23.
It is believed that fifty fishermen were drowned when their vessel collided with an iceberg early this morning off Southern Saghalien.

Another vessel with some three hundred crab-fishers on board has wirelessed that it is in distress after encountering a severe storm.—*Reuter.*

DETROIT FIRE.
TWENTY KILLED IN DISASTROUS BLAZE.

Detroit, April 24.
At least 20 are believed to have been killed and 50 injured as the result of a fire at the Briggs Manufacturing Company building, after an explosion in the paint shop.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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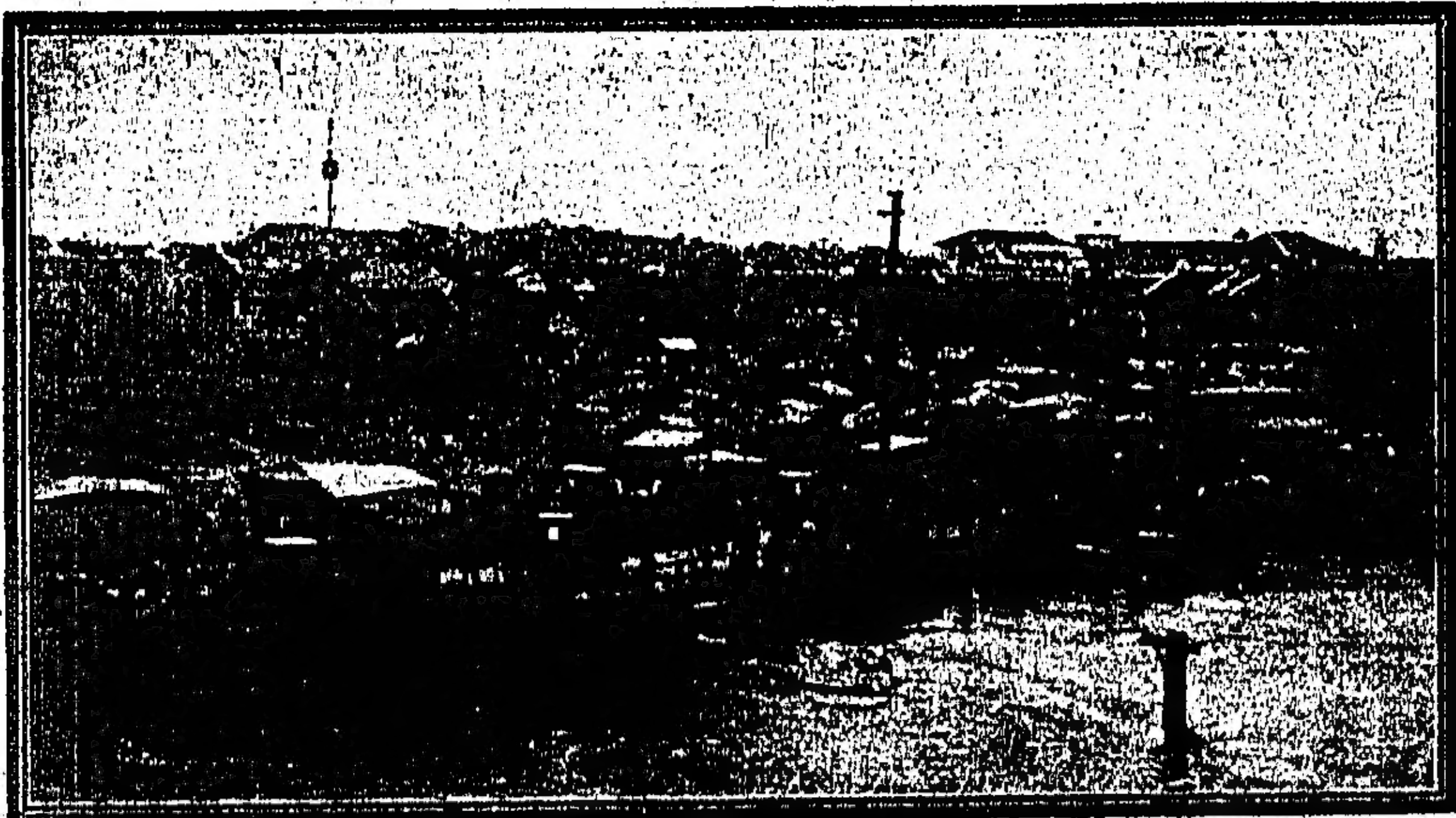
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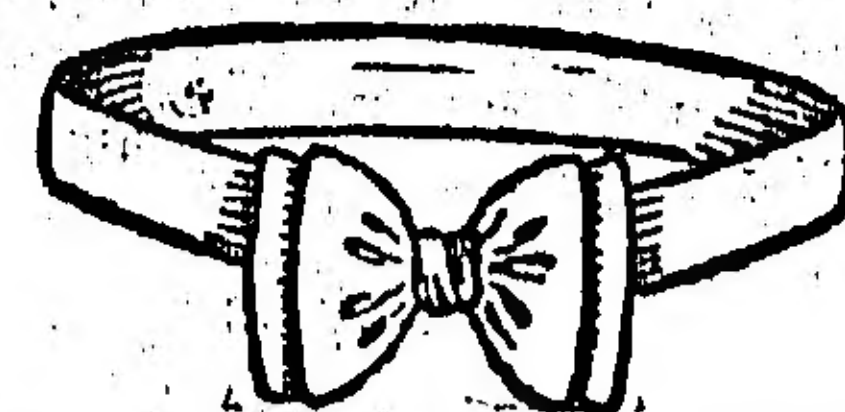


LANDING STAGE AT NANKING.—The old-fashioned river front at Nanking, the last sight for many foreign refugees of the town where their life work has been carried out.



THE KING'S LEVEE.—The King held a Levee at St. James's Palace on March 15. Our photograph shows Officers of the Gordon Highlanders leaving the Palace. (Times copyright.)

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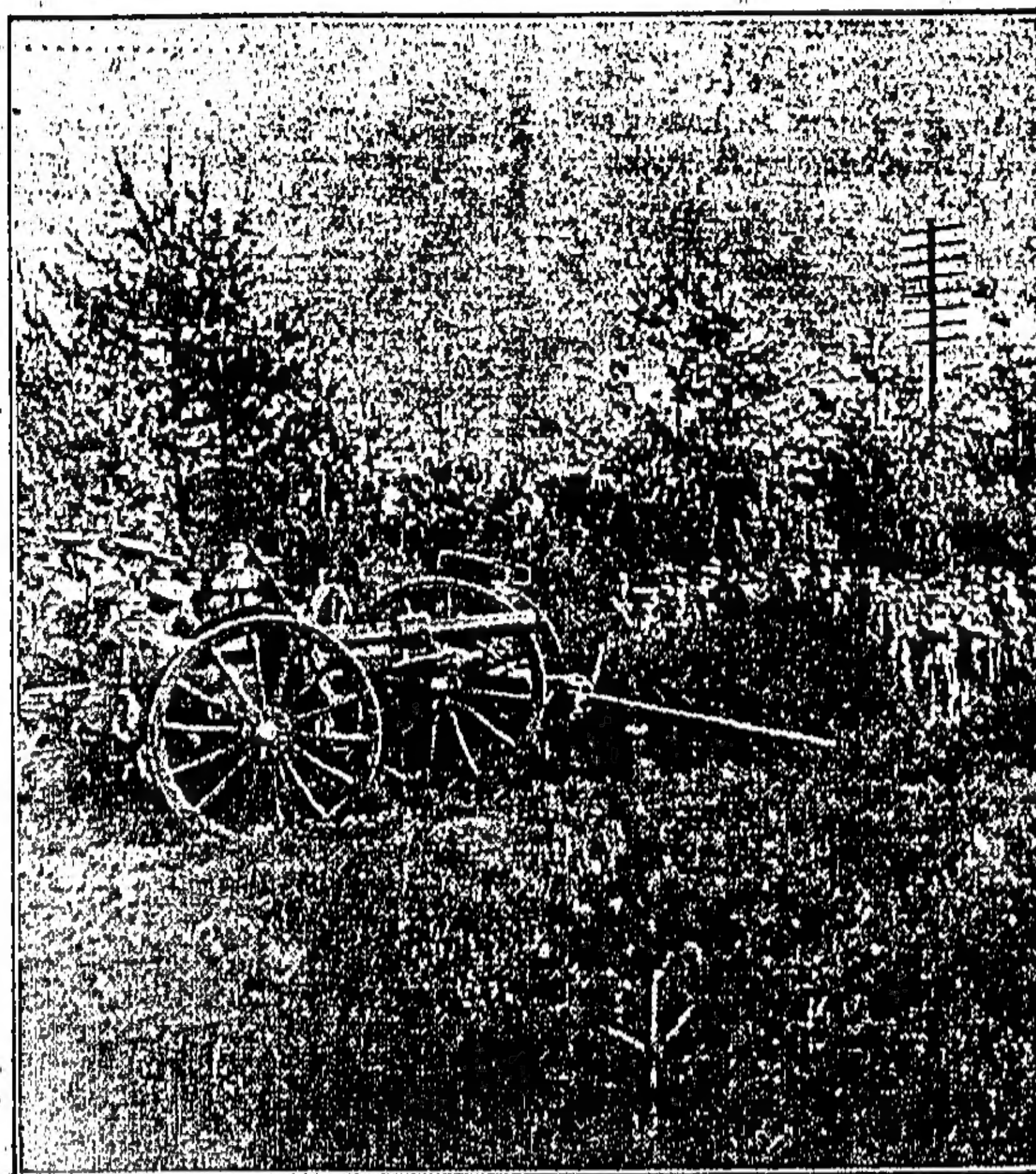
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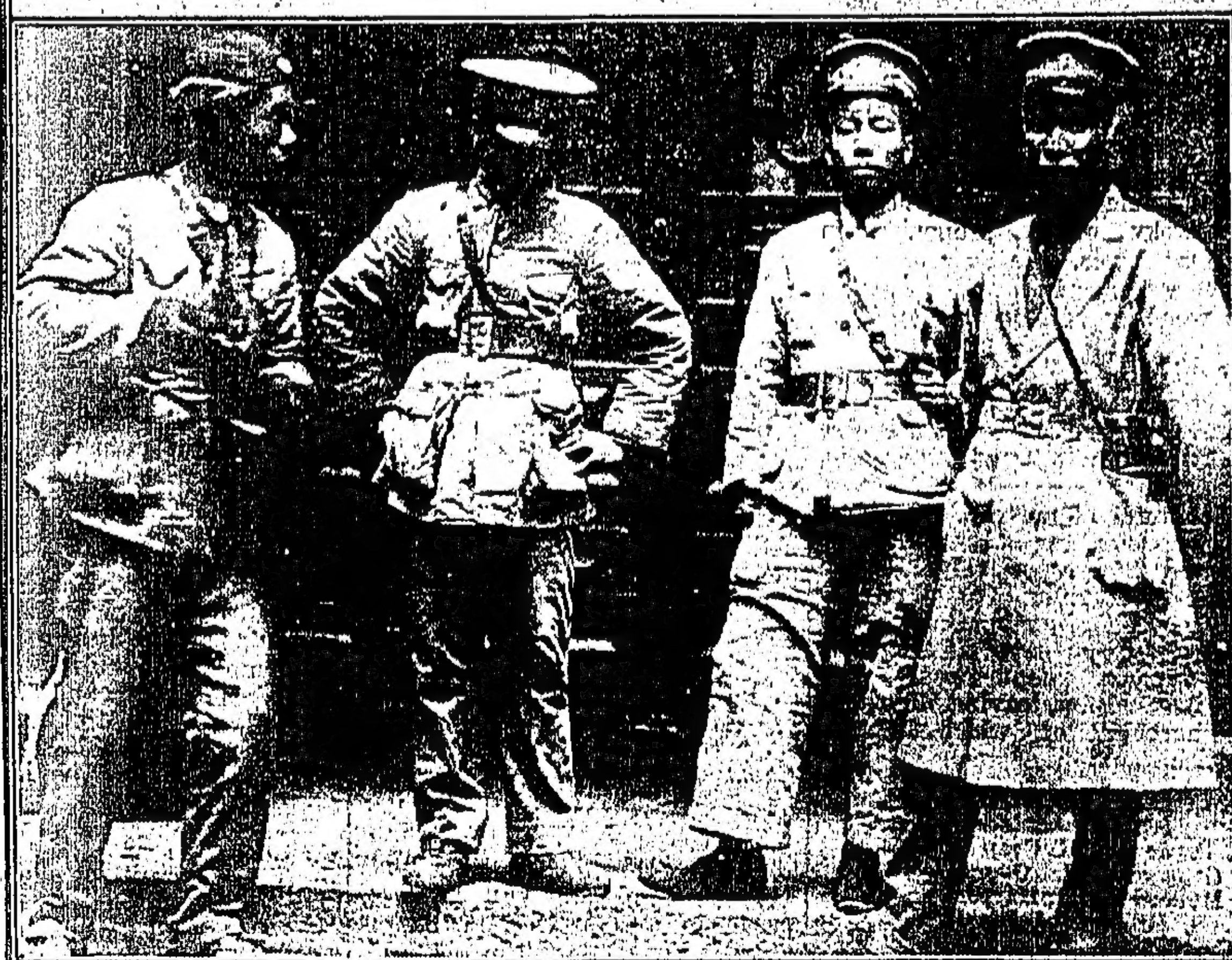
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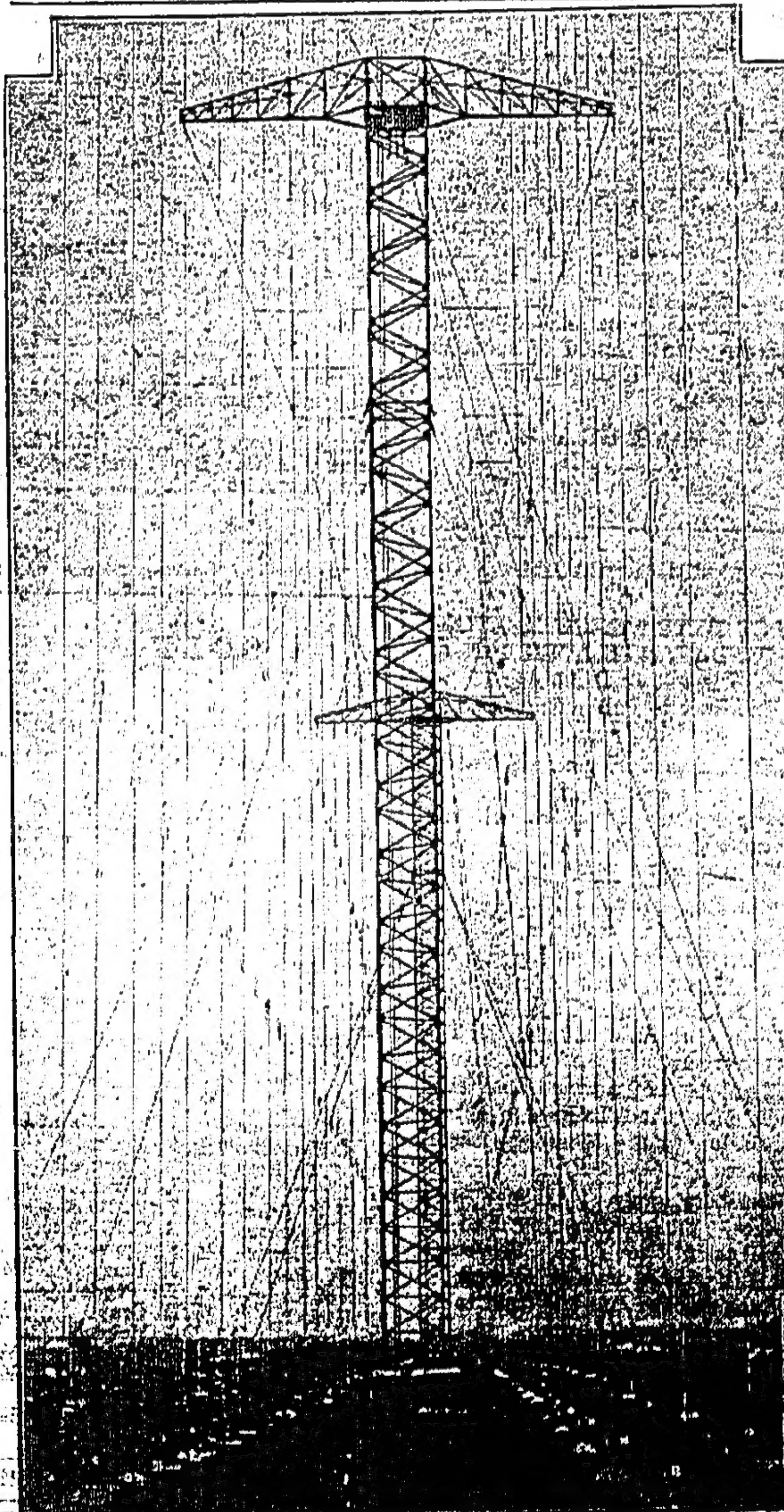
MASS MEETING IN SHANGHAI.—Mass meetings have occupied a good deal of the time of those living in the native city of Shanghai recently. Our picture shows a section of a crowd and the banners under which the meeting was held.



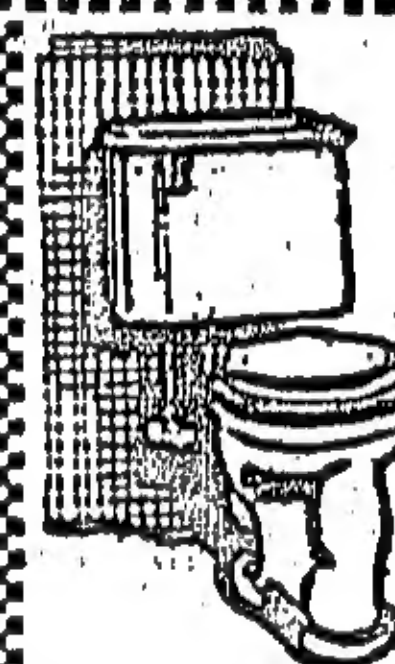
JUNIOR O.T.C. EXERCISES.—Public school boys, from the Harrow, Wellington, Reading, Charterhouse Dulwich, and Westminster contingents of the Officers Training Corps were recently engaged in mimic warfare in the Long Valley, Aldershot. Artillery and tanks co-operated in the exercises. (Times copyright.)



IN SHANGHAI NOW.—These pictures show some of the new conquerors of Shanghai, the richest military prize in all China. Top picture shows some of the armed labourers who sprang to the aid of the Cantonese and virtually captured Shanghai for the Cantonese troops. Bottom picture shows some of the Cantonese officers.



BEAM WIRELESS TO AUSTRALIA.—It is announced that the tests by the Marconi Company of the beam wireless service between Great Britain and Australia proved highly successful, and that this new extension of Imperial communications will be opened for public use shortly. Our picture shows one of the aerial masts at the receiving station at Winton, two miles from Skegness, Lincolnshire, an illustration of the complexity of the beam wireless aerial. (Times copyright.)



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of receiving the Report of the Di-

rectors and the Statements of Ac-

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Friday, 29th April.

Above arrangements are subject

to weather conditions.

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Meeting to be held on Saturday,

the 7th May, 1927, (weather per-

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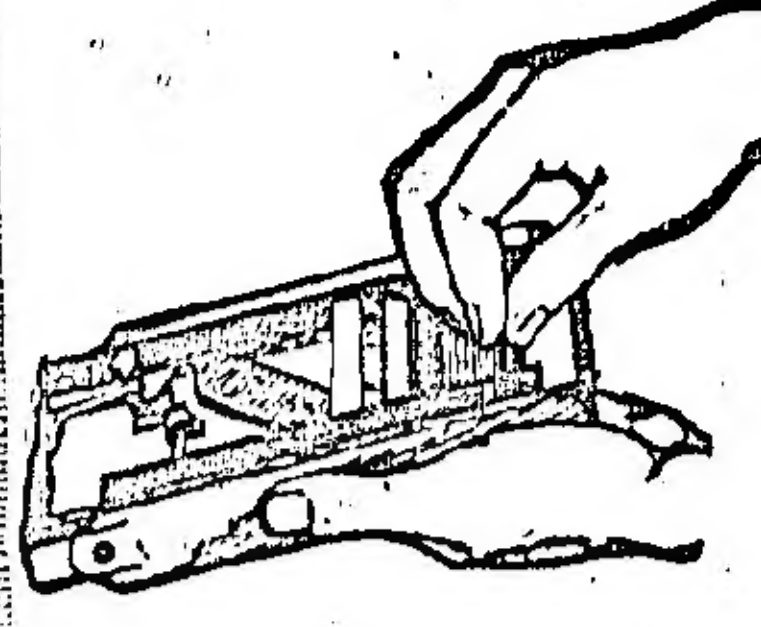
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Sunday, 24th April.

From Hongkong. From Macao.

8.00 a.m. Sui An. 4.30 p.m. Sui Tai.

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A Chinese who was knocked

down by a motor car opposite the

Aster House Hotel on Saturday

afternoon was taken to the Gov-

ernment Civil Hospital for treat-

ment.

At Saturday morning's meeting

of the Hongkong Telephone Com-

pany, Mr. J. H. Taggart's ap-

pointment as Managing

Director was confirmed, and the

Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Mr. R. G.

Shewan and Mr. B. Lander Lewis

were elected to the Board of Direc-

tors. Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and

Matthews were re-elected auditors.

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Hongkong from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The Hongkong Station is always open

and messages are accepted at any time throughout the 24 hours.

Letters and postcards only for the United Kingdom and Europe will

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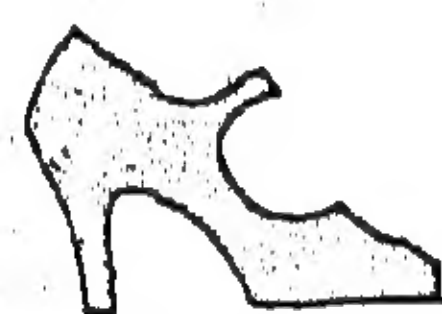
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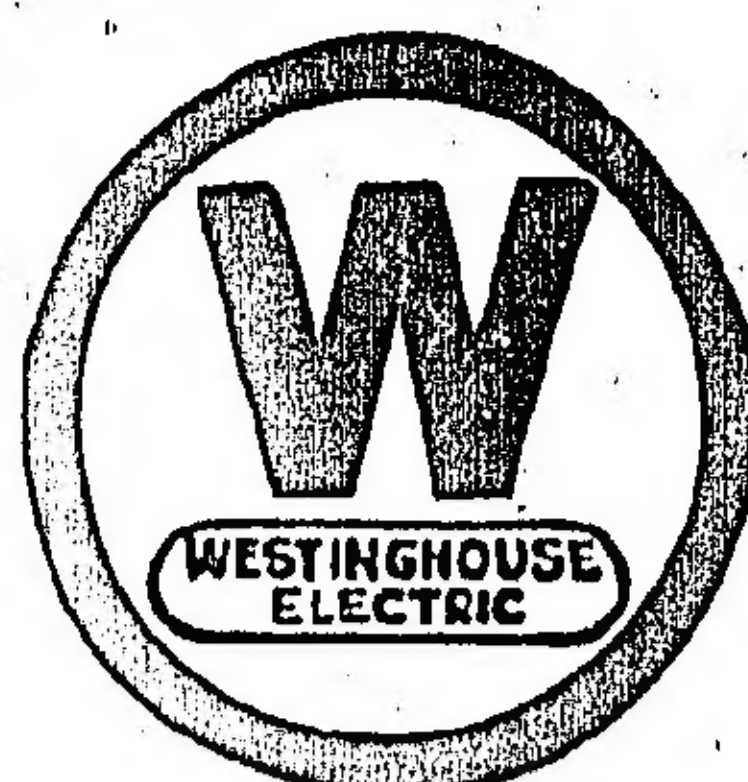
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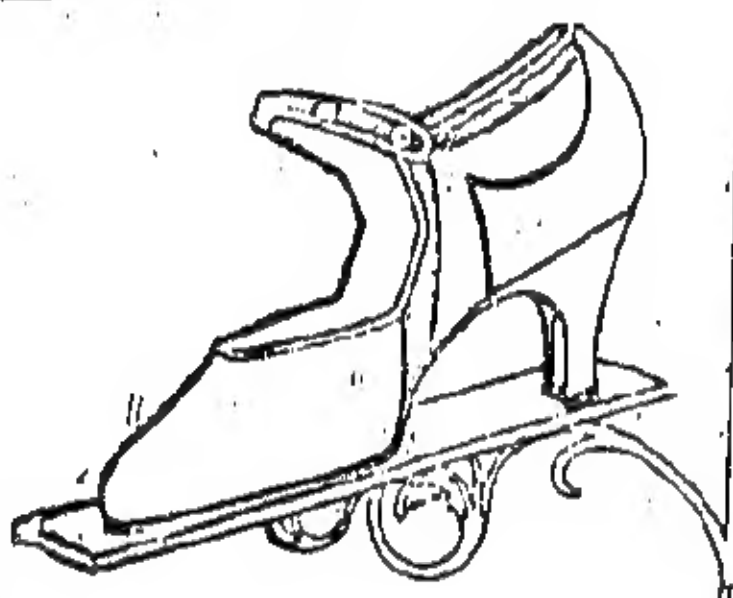
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CHINA CRISIS.

WEEK-END CABLES.

Moscow, April 24.
Among the first and loudest to
raise his voice against Chiang
Kai-shek's recent attitude towards
Communists is Chiang's son, a
student at Sun Yat-sen University
for training Chinese revolu-
tionaries.

He contributed an article to a
newspaper breathing fierce filial
rebellion and launching the slogan,
"Down with Chiang Kai-shek,"
who, he declares, "was my father
and friend in the revolution; but
now he has passed to the camp of
the enemy he is my foe."—Reuter.

Soviet Intrigue.

Peking, April 23.
Another document discovered
in the raid on premises at the
Soviet Embassy, published last
night by the Chinese, shows that
Marshal Chang Tso-lin's subor-
dinate, General Kuo Sung-lin, re-
ceived \$400,000 from the Soviet
Government for his revolt of De-
cember, 1925, against Chang Tso-
lin.

General Kuo Sung-lin was also
promised a further \$400,000 when
Chang Tso-lin was completely
eliminated from Chinese politics.
—Reuter.

Communists Criticise the
Soviet.

Riga, April 23.
Speeches and articles on the
Chinese question by Bolshevik
leaders reveal great differences
among prominent Communists.
M. Radek, according to intelli-
gence received here, severely criti-
cises the Soviet Government's tac-
tics in China and calls on it to
counteract this "bourgeois revolu-
tion" by bolder methods—such as
severing relations with the Kuo-
mintang and Bolshevizing China by
organising Soviets of peasant work-
ers.

On the other hand, M. Bukharin
endeavours to prove that the Chi-
nese revolution is progressing on
Marxist lines in spite of such
"traitors" as Chiang Kai-shek and
company.—Reuter.

Tang Seng-chi Resigns.

Hankow, April 23.
It is apparent that the authori-
ties are using every endeavour to
prevent the development of in-
cidents. According to local reports,
Tang Seng-chi (Tang Seng-chi?)
has tendered his resignation to
the Southern Government.—Naval
Wireless.

Report Amended.

Kiukiang, April 23.
As an amendment to the previ-
ous report, it is stated that Mr.
Liu has relieved Mr. Liu Haa as
commissioner for Foreign Affairs,
the former being reported to be a
strong "Red".—Naval Wireless.

Warships Return Fire.

Chinkiang, April 23.
H. M. Ships Keppel and Wolse-
ley were under fire from the
south bank about nine miles above
Chinkiang. The fire was return-
ed with effect, with one or two
rounds from the main armament
of both ships. A similar incident
occurred on Friday morning at
Kiangyen.

Units of the 3rd Division of the
1st Army have arrived and appear
to be well equipped.—Naval Wire-
less.

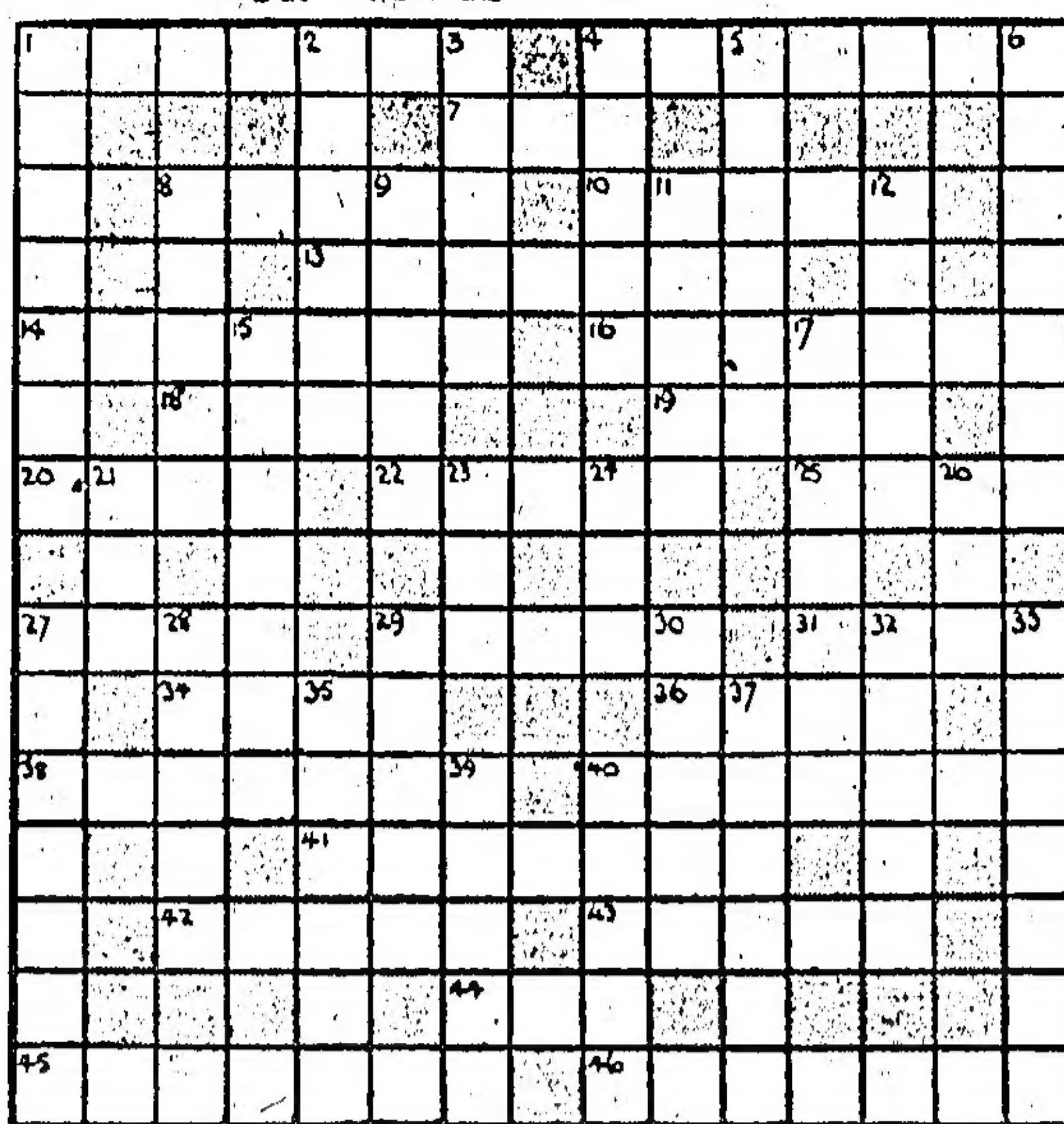
U. S. Vessel Fired On.

Kiukiang, April 23.
A small number of troops of
the 6th Army have arrived from
upriver. The American destroyer
Peary was fired on early this morn-
ing by forts on the Ma Tung Bluff.
—Naval Wireless.

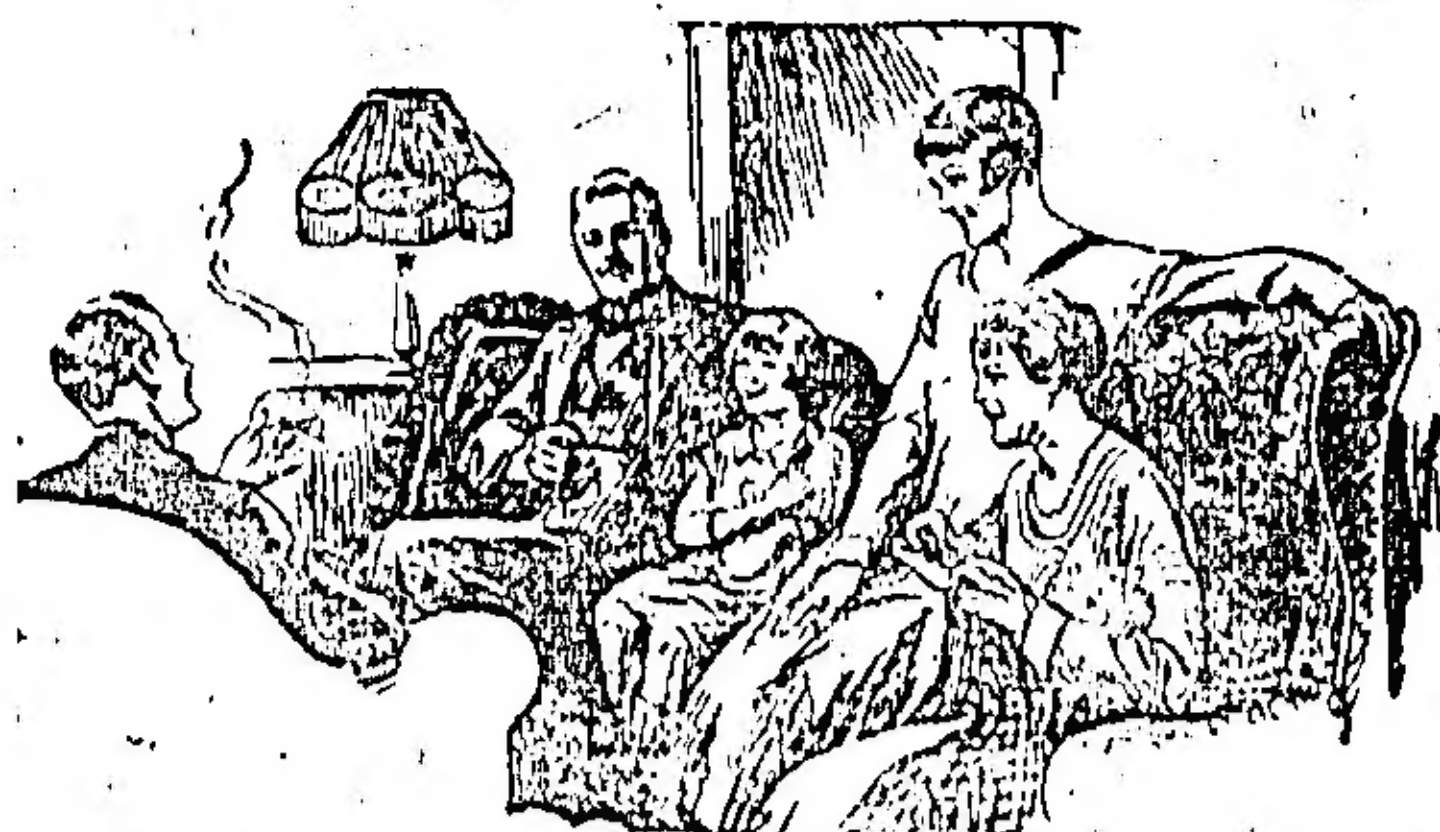
Big Guns.

Wuhu, April 23.
Everything remains quiet and
there is nothing to report. There
was an interchange of fire be-
tween Lion Hill, Nanking, and
Laoshan, where guns of calibre
estimated at up to eight inch are
in action. H.M. Ships Keppel and
Wolseley were subjected to rifle

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 14. Filtered.
 16. Adorns.
 18. Well-known dean.
 19. Superintend the publication of.
 20. Trees.
 22. Hindu Queen.
 25. Dread.
 27. Hart.
 29. Withers.
 31. Brigade of Kafir soldiers.
 34. Fired from a gun.
 36. Sheet of glass.
 38. Tamed.
 40. Longest measures.
 41. Having its paroxysm every other day (Mud.)
 42. In want.
 43. Brutal.
 44. Phantasm house.
 45. Furnished with grasse.
 46. Member of the militia.
- Down.
1. Part of a machine moved by foot.
 2. Well-known forest.
 3. Buy with money.
 4. Lie in a particular direction.
 5. Analysed.
 6. Instrument for greasing.
 8. Ask for by right.
 9. Jeer.
 11. Be in concord.
 12. Quickness.
 15. Thorough knowledge.
 17. Scrutinizing.
 21. Great amount.
 23. Beverage.
 24. Before.
 26. High mountain.
 27. Incubating.
 28. Pertaining to Asia.
 29. Horse.
 30. Weapon.
 32. Broken stone for covering roads.
 33. Pertaining to an island.
 35. Aquatic animals.
 37. Happening once a year.
 39. Deity of the woods.
 40. Conquers (colloq.).
- Saturday's Puzzle.
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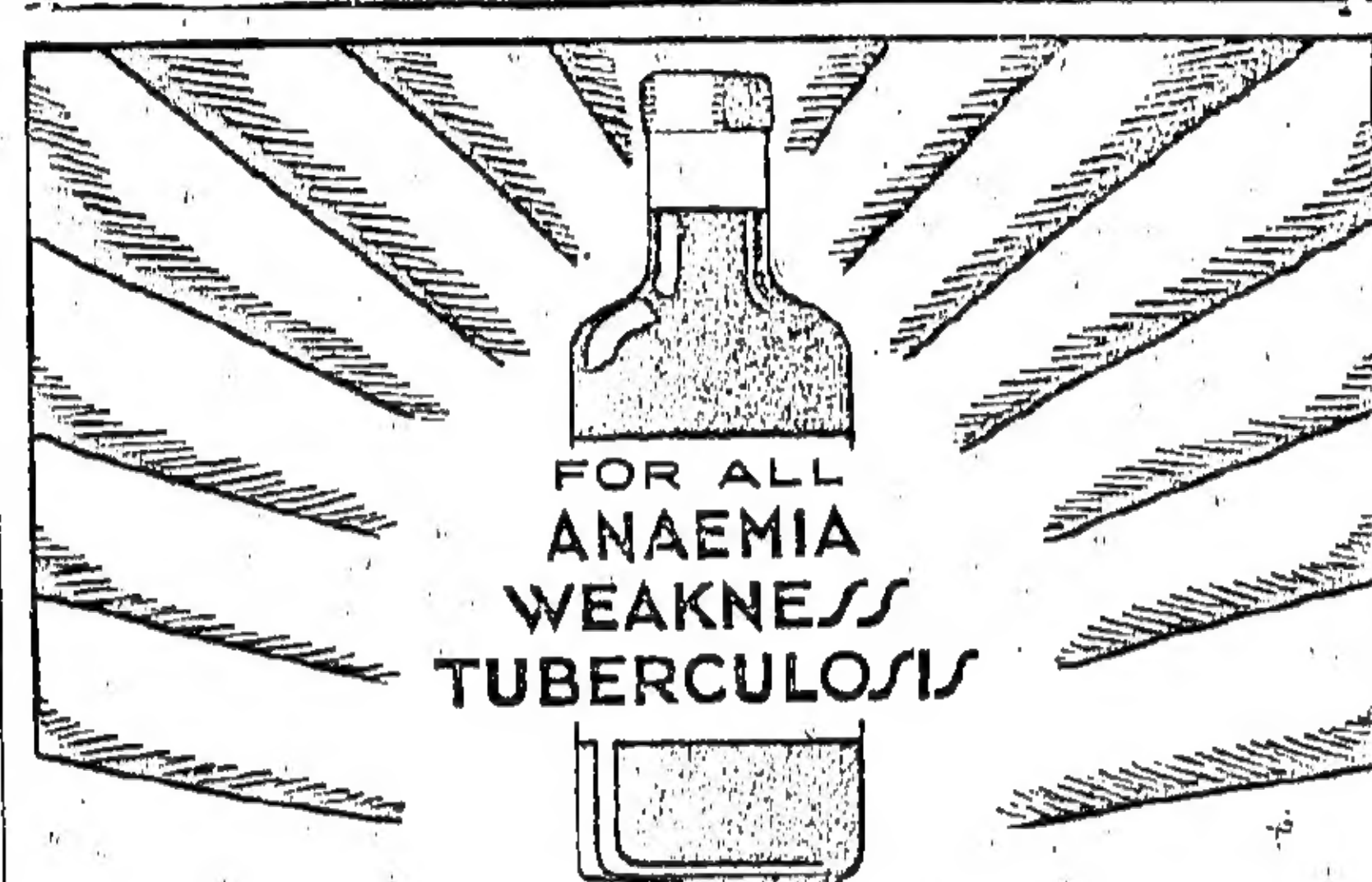
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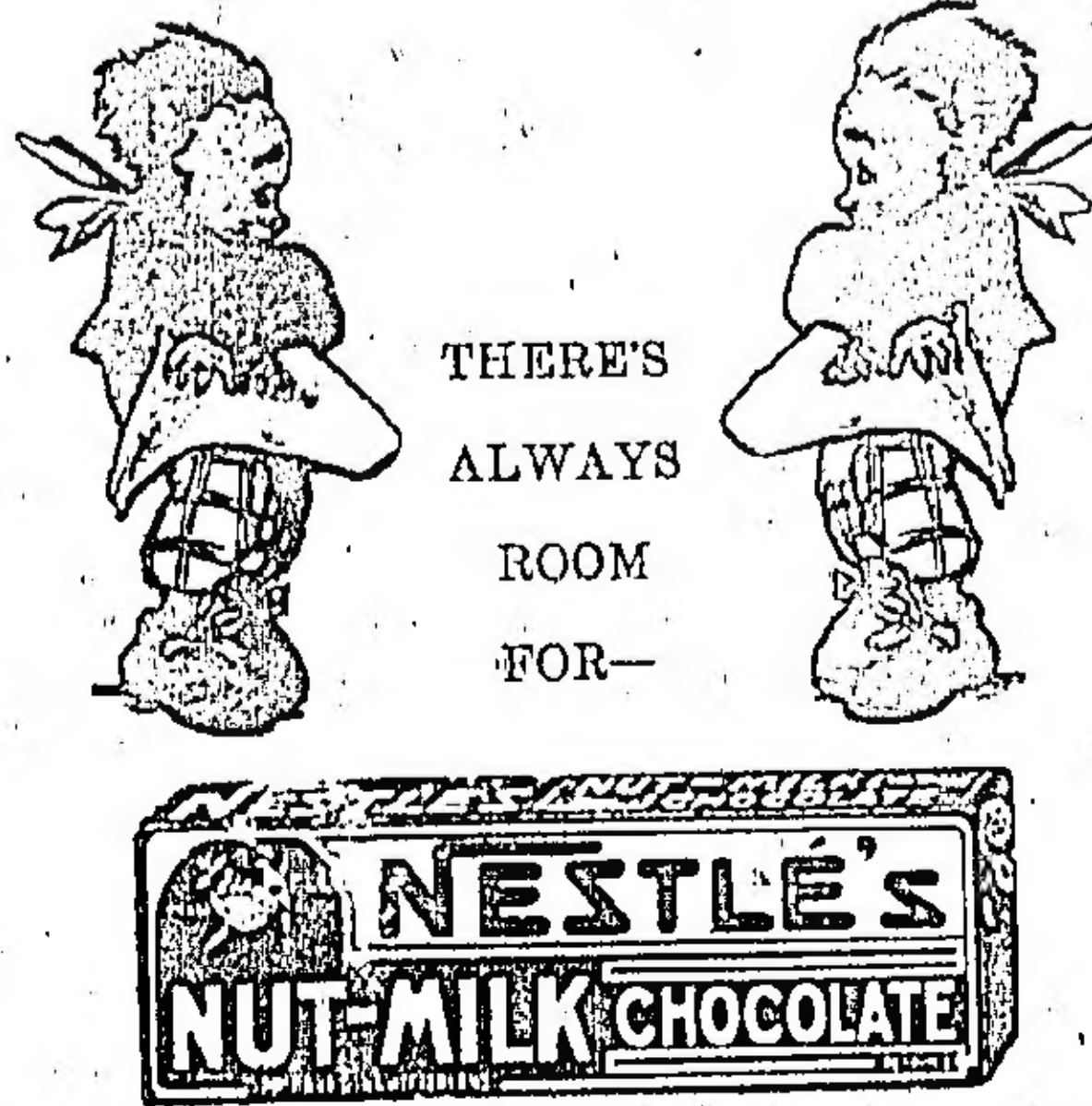
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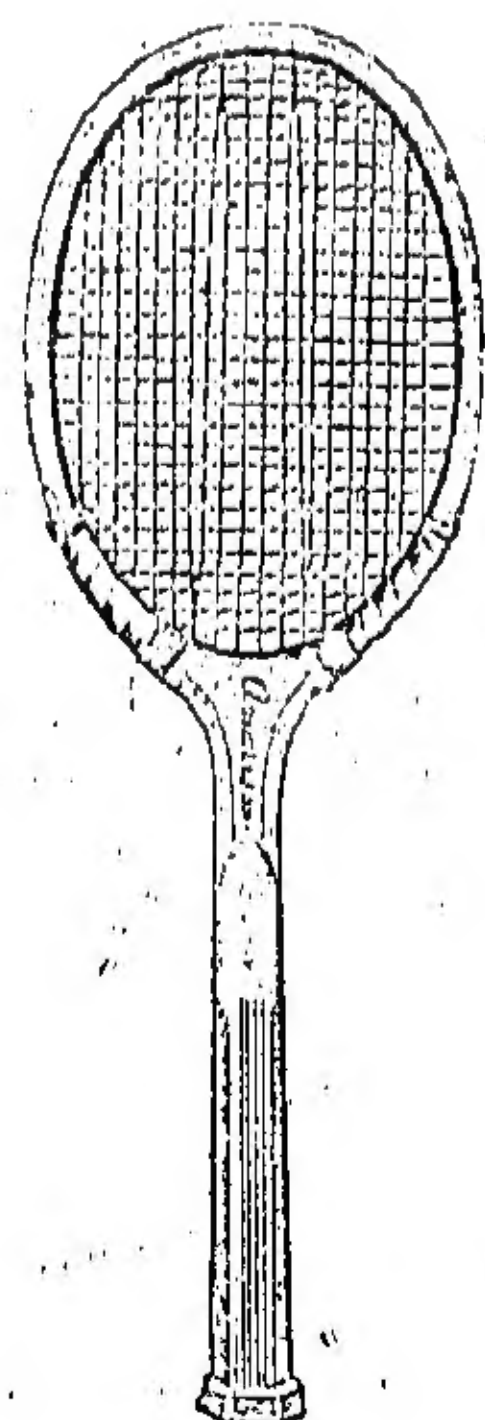
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MARRIAGE.

MAXWELL-TAIT.—On April 23rd, 1927, at the Union Church, Kowloon, by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, David Hood, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Maxwell, Walkerville, Newcastle-on-Tyne, to Gertrude, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tait, Burradon, Northumberland.

BIRTH.

CARR.—On April 23rd, 1927, at Victoria Hospital, the wife of T. W. Carr, (P.W.D.), a son.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 1927.

PIRACY REPORT.

It is very evident from the lengthy report of the "Sunning" Piracy Commission, which we publish on another page of to-day's issue, that the Commission went thoroughly into the whole question of piracy prevention as well as making an exhaustive enquiry into the facts and circumstances surrounding the piracy of the steamer Sunning. There are very many conflicting opinions extant regarding the proper way to prevent piracy, but we think that even those who disagree with the Commission's findings will agree that the Commission did its work extremely well and have succeeded in presenting a report of very great value. We think the members of the Commission rightly came to the conclusion that an effective search on board ship is practically impossible and that, so far as the present search provisions up and down the Coast go, it is a comparatively easy matter at any port between Shanghai and Singapore (with the possible exceptions of Bangkok and Kwangchowwan, owing to strict search) to smuggle arms and ammunition on board ship. In the case of the Sunning the Commission thought that the Piracy Regulations were not taken seriously enough and that among the officers there was a false sense of security, inasmuch as some of the grilles were not kept properly locked. The Commission came to the conclusion that the grille system has a positive value, and, in considering the efficiency of anti-piracy fittings in a ship, thought that the value of grilles for anti-piracy purposes might override the possible conflict with the Board of Trade Instructions, and that the risks involved by grilles may easily be exaggerated. But it was stipulated that grilles, to be effective, must be unscalable and must be supported by a fortified bridge. On the two last-named points the

Commission is most definite and the report proceeds to deal at great length with the problem of the Indian Guards, the unsatisfactory character of the present system being frankly admitted. It is stated that the principal weakness of the present system is the divided responsibility—the somewhat conflicting authority of the Police and the owners and Masters of vessels upon which the guards are employed, and the Commission has come to the conclusion that the engagement and control of guards should be left entirely in the hands of the owners, the Captain Superintendent of Police to assist in their provision if requested. The present system by which the guards are engaged and disciplined by the police and then put on board ships without the consultation of the Captain is bad, because the Captain has only a limited authority over the men. It is now proposed that the guards should be employed by the owners just as are the seamen of a ship, and we think that the proposal will find ready acceptance. As regards further measures for the prevention of piracy, it is recommended that the present Regulations be rescinded, that more assistance should be given by the navy in patrolling, and that as regards pirate strongholds, and failing effective co-operation by the Chinese, their destruction should be carried out whenever it seems desirable and expedient. With reference to the root of all piracy, the report states that "it is a common-place to repeat that the elimination of piracy on the China coast must await improvement in the condition of the country as a whole, and that while no effort is made to deal with pirates in their lairs ashore by their own Government, and whilst the efforts of those with power throughout the land end only in the encouragement of disorder and destruction, so long will piracy flourish and increase. Given the will, it would be a simple matter for any Chinese authority to smoke out such a notorious nest as Bias Bay, and to keep it under control; but until the Chinese can be induced to take action themselves, or to allow action to be taken in the common interests, the risk of piracy in Chinese waters will remain.... Wholly to prevent piracy involves a destruction of the conditions which breed pirates, a common duty of every civilized Government." That is the right note on which to end any reference to this great evil of piracy, for every other device is but a palliative and not a cure.

Anzac Day.

To-day is Anzac Day, of glorious memory. Throughout the Commonwealth of Australia and Dominion of New Zealand, this anniversary is fittingly celebrated, and in other parts of the world, where there are Australasian Associations, the members will gather for their annual luncheon or dinner, and the toasts will be to the men who fought in those engagements that for ever placed the colonies "down under" on the plane of grown nations. An Australian historian, writing the official account of the Anzac participation in hostilities during the Great War, sets down the Gallipoli campaign as the period when the Australasian race came to its consciousness of nationhood, and the rest of the world to a realization that here was another unit of the Imperial Commonwealth that had passed through its baptism of fire, and emerged a virile member of the British family congress. It may be recalled that the word Anzac embodies the initials of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, the first unit to sail for the scene of action when war broke out, and which, in conjunction with other Imperial forces, covered itself with undying fame in the landing at Gallipoli, and the subsequent operations on the peninsula. The campaign was, from a strictly military point of view, unsuccessful. The ultimate evacuation was as glorious an enterprise in some ways as the original landing. But actually the long, weary fight on that small peninsula did much to ease the situation elsewhere, and we know now that at the moment of seeming defeat we were very near a magnificent success. Wherever Australians and New Zealanders meet to-day there will be a spirit of comradeship, and the veterans of the war, the real "diggers," in particular those whose privilege it was to be among the true Anzacs,

DAY BY DAY.

IT WOULD BE A TERRIBLE WORLD IF IT WAS NOT EMELLISHED BY LITTLE CHILDREN.—Binnay.

H. M. S. Ambrose is detailed to depart for Weihaiwei on Thursday.

Bishop Valtoria left Hongkong to-day for the interior. He will be absent a week.

Passengers to Manila and Australian ports by the Aki Maru on Saturday, included the violinist Jascha Heifetz and party.

The Empress of Asia is expected to reach Shanghai from Nagasaki this evening and will leave for Hongkong to-morrow.

The Wing On overhaul will probably be completed on or about Thursday, and she will resume her place on the Kongmoon run on Sunday.

The P. and O. s.s. Morea and s.s. Nyanza, with the English and outward mails, are both due to arrive here from Singapore on Thursday morning.

While feeding clay to the pug-mill at the Brick Works at Deep Water Bay, yesterday, a workman had one finger taken off by the machinery.

There were three Chinese cases of typhoid fever reported over the week-end, and also one Chinese case of small-pox and one Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever.

The Corporals of the King's Own Scottish Borderers are holding a dance at the R. E. Theatre on Wednesday, at which it is understood both Lady Clementi, and the G.O.C. and Mrs. Luard will be present.

The Hospital Comforts Committee acknowledge with many thanks receipt of six cases of miscellaneous Hospital Comforts from the Joint Council of "The Order St. John" and "The British Red Cross Society."

The late Dr. Frederick Osmond Sledman, M.D., of Bramcote, Weybridge, and late of Hongkong, who died on Feb. 2, aged 64, left estate of the gross value of £107,195, with net personally £101,040. He left £500 to the Weybridge Cottage Hospital.

Mr. W. Borrowman, of Messrs. W. S. Bailey and Co., was somewhat seriously injured about the face as the result of a collision between his motor-cycle and a motor-bus in Coronation Road yesterday. Mr. Borrowman was passing the bus when it turned unexpectedly towards the middle of the road, and the motor-cycle crashed into the side. The injured man was taken to the Kowloon Hospital and detained.

Charged before Major C. Willson this morning, with returning before his ten-year term of banishment had expired, a Chinese convict pleaded that he had made a slight miscalculation when attempting to reckon the time according to the Chinese calendar. Sergeant Vincent, of the Finger-Prints Bureau, stated that the defendant had only one-and-a-half-years more before completing his term. Sentence of six months' hard labour was passed.

The four river gunboats for service in China which were ordered last year from Messrs. Yarrow and Co., are of two types. The Gannet and Petrel are of 310 tons, with engines of 2,250 h.p., giving a speed of 16 knots, the total oil fuel capacity being 60 tons; and the Seaweed and Tern, of 262 tons, with geared turbines of 1,350 h.p., giving a speed of 14 knots, the oil fuel capacity being 50 tons. Both types, however, will carry two 3-in. guns and eight smaller weapons. In the important matter of draught, the new gunboats will draw 8 ft. 2½ in. of water and 3 ft. 2½ in. of water respectively, as compared with the 4 ft. of the large gunboats of the "Insect" class, mounting 5-in. guns, which now constitute the bulk of the flotilla. The old-type gunboats, dating from 1896-1900, which the new craft are to replace, have from 2 ft. to 2½ ft. draught. The Petrel and the Tern are at present being reconstructed at Taikoo Dockyard and are nearing completion. The Gannet and the Seaweed, which are en route from England, will be assembled at the same Dockyard.

will have reminiscences of the campaigning days to exchange. Chiefly, it is a day of deathless recollections, and one that has been set aside for ever as a record; even the name Anzac being preserved sacred to the one purpose by State legislation. There are not many Australasians in the local community, and special celebration by them is not possible, but to any of our readers who come from the Antipodes, and especially to those who may happen to be of the Anzacs, we offer congratulations on this day of their proudest memories.

THE ST. GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS.

INSPIRING ADDRESS AT CATHEDRAL.

St. George's Day was fittingly celebrated over the week-end. In addition to the laying of wreaths on the Cenotaph on Saturday forenoon, there was the entertainment to Service men at the Queen's Theatre in the evening, and at night special dances were held at the Hongkong Hotel and Peak Club.

On Saturday, also, H.E. the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, and Capt. Steele, his A.D.C., attended as guests of the President and Committee of St. George's Society at a luncheon in the palm court of the Hongkong Hotel, the decorations being symbolic of the day.

Cathedral Service.

The services at St. John's Cathedral yesterday morning were in the nature of thanksgiving services in which for the first time in its history as a Society, the President, Committee and members of the Hongkong St. George's Society participated.

There were present the President of the Society and Mrs. C. G. Alabaster, the two Past Presidents, Hon. Sir Henry Pollock and Mr. W. A. Dowley, Lady Pollock, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Rev. Mr. F. A. Wells, Mr. W. J. Eldridge, Mr. E. Cook, Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Mr. R. A. Jardine, Mr. E. Ralphs and others.

The service comprising prayers, lessons and hymns, was conducted by the Rev. H. Copley Moyie, assisted by the Rev. C. E. S. Updell and the Cathedral Choir. Mr. R. A. Brown officiated at the organ. Towards the close the congregation sang "God Save the King," and at the dispersal the organist rendered "Land of Hope and Glory."

A collection was taken for the provision of Hospital comforts for the troops of the Shanghai Defence Corps.

Choosing for his address the text of Jeremiah 5, verse 15, "A Mighty Nation," the Rev. Mr. Copley Moyie said he believed it was the first time the local officials of the St. George's Society had attended a commemorative service as a body, and he welcomed their presence. The thought for the occasion was the patron saint, St. George, said Mr. Moyie, who proceeded to sketch the life-history of the Saint, so far as we know it, as well as refer to the allegorical story of the slaying of the dragon.

Deductions to be drawn from the story, continued the preacher, were the national characteristics they portrayed, chiefly the spirit of adventure that had always actuated Englishmen; and connected therewith were the love for outdoor sport, the adherence to duty, and the love of liberty. Throughout it all was the sense of responsibility, and the dominant Christian influence that charged the race.

He concluded by expressing the hope that this heritage would be handed on to the generations to follow, and become more and more a blessing to the whole world.

OBITUARY.

DIRECTOR OF MANILA THEATRES.

Mr. Frank Goulette, one of the most widely known business men in the Philippines, died of cancer of the stomach at his home in Marine City, Michigan, on the evening of April 18. He is survived by his widow and two children. He was 46 years old.

Mr. Goulette went to the Philippines with the volunteers in 1899. His civilian career began in Manila as a member of the police force, and for a time he was in charge of the general police mess. In 1906 he became interested in the theatre business and was a pioneer in bringing American films to the Philippines.

The first show house under his management was the Paco theatre. He later acquired the cine Lux on Plaza Santa Cruz and finally built the Lyric theatre on the Escolta.

Mr. Goulette was the founder of the Lyric Film Exchange. In 1921 his interests were incorporated under the firm name, France and Goulette, Inc. This organization expanded until it controlled more than 200 theatres in the islands, including many small houses in Manila. He also was the owner of the Lyric Music House and the restaurant which bears his name, on Echague at Santa Cruz bridge. His motion picture interests were disposed of by Mr. Goulette in 1925.

While in Manila Mr. Goulette was an active member of many lodges and clubs. He was a Mason, belonging to Minerva lodge No. 41.

The Very Idea!

The professor and his wife had enjoyed their previous holiday on a farm so well that it was their desire to repeat it.

The only thing that made them doubtful was that they had been somewhat annoyed by the proximity of the pigsty to the house.

Finally, the professor wrote to the farmer and explained the objectionable feature. He received the following reply:—

"We ain't had no pigs on the place since you was here last summer. Be sure to come."

A publican, a baker, a doctor, and a draper, candidates for an English Town Council election, it is reported, have adopted this four-fold slogan:—

"Vote for whisky, vote for dough, Castor oil, and calico."

An amusing situation arose at the sitting of the West Stirlingshire Justices at Campsie, in the Lennox Arms Hotel.

One of the Justices, Sir George Stirling, D.S.O., of Glorat, left his car on the street in front of the hotel. It so happened that the first case called was one in which the accused party was charged with leaving his car at that place.

A lawyer for accused stated it was quite a common practice; in fact, there was one there at the moment.

Sir George Stirling (chairman of the Justice)—My car is there just now. (Laughter.)

A penalty of 5s., with the option of five days' imprisonment, was imposed.

From the class-room—

Ket's Rebellion was caused by the enclosure of the Commons, on which the poorer classes used to graze.

The partition of Poland was the wall built by the Russians to keep the Germans out.

St. Andrew is the patron saint of Scotland; the patron saint of England is Union Jack.

Cannibal is two brothers who killed each other in the Bible.

Magistrate, at Tottenham, to a man accused of begging: Are you guilty or not guilty? Man: Nearly guilty. I asked for a penny, but did not get it.

A man applied unsuccessfully at Marylebone for a summons for assault against a hairdresser who, he alleged, clipped his eyelashes against his will.

Judge Cluer, at Shoreditch County Court: Arithmetic is easier than law.

Man accused of drunkenness at Lambeth: I had nothing to speak of. I might have had six or seven glasses of ale, nothing more.

The Thames Embankment saw one of the most dramatic incidents in its history recently, when a young man dived into the river and saved a drowning pigeon. It was opposite Cleopatra's Needle that the maimed bird was struggling for its life, watched by a crowd of people. A young man joined the crowd. He threw off his coat, unlaced his boots, and dived into the river. He clasped the bird's feet and swam to the steps. Then he picked up his coat and pressed it round the bird.

Lord Dewar tells the following:—"An American with a guidebook in his hand knocked at a door in South Belgrave and asked the landlady, 'Is this where Goldsmith lived?' She said, 'I cannot remember a gentleman of that name that stayed here.' I mean Oliver Goldsmith, the poet. 'A poet, oh, he could never have stayed here; our lodgers have to pay cash in advance.'"

A Spanish claim based on an agreement of 1862, under which Spaniards will not have to pay the identity card fee required from other foreigners residing in France more than two months, has just been allowed by the French Government, says the Morning Post Paris correspondent.

In this connection, it is interesting to note that there is an agreement between France and Scotland dating from the time of the Hundred Years' War, when Scottish troops were helping France, which has never definitely been repealed, and which gives Scots the benefits of French citizenship, including presumably exemption from the identity card tax.

Medicine must be unpleasant to inspire confidence.—Dr. F. J. Waldo.

London is one of the healthiest places in the world to live in.—Lord Haddo.

English manufacturers are much too modest in their claims.—Sir Sydney Skinner.

The Socialist teaching seems largely one of plenty to eat and plenty to drink.—Rev. H. J. Marshall.

PHILIPPINE COMPANY SALES.

PUBLIC OPPOSITION TO GOVERNOR.

LEGISLATIVE OPINION.

Any attempt on the part of the Governor General to dispose of or liquidate the Government-owned corporations immediately, will meet the vigorous opposition of legislative leaders. They will not countenance an immediate reversal of the policy that has guided the actions of the legislature for the last ten years to foster rapid development of the national industries even to the extent of getting the Government into private business.

Senator Juan Sumulong, Democratic leader, who always has opposed the creation of the Government owned companies and who now favours the plan to get the Government out of them by gradually liquidating or disposing of them, holds the opinion that the Governor General should be slow in taking any step towards their disposal. This is understood to be the attitude of the majority leaders, as well.

Senator Sumulong for the first time last week conferred with majority leaders, including Senate President Manuel Quezon, Speaker Manuel Roxas and Senator Sergio Osmena, reports the *Manila Bulletin*. What was discussed was not revealed, although it is believed there was an exchange of views on the administration of the Government companies by the Governor General.

Philippine Capital Favoured.
It is understood, however, that legislative leaders will interpose no objection to the sale of the National Coal Company to Philippine capital. There is understood to be a tentative understanding to their effect. A more concrete policy which the leaders will take in regard to the companies will be decided sometime this week, it is believed.

Very little credence was given to reports that the Governor General plans early dissolution of the National Development Company. The report itself was discredited by high Government officials close to the Governor General who ought to know plans of the chief executive.

Senate President Quezon declared that the Governor General cannot dissolve any of the Government-owned companies. Having been created by special laws they continue to exist until the laws creating them either have been declared unconstitutional by the courts or abrogated by the legislature. He said the chief executive has no power to put them out of existence.

Mr. Ben F. Wright, insular auditor, who returned to Manila from Baguio recently, when asked of the plans of the Governor General regarding the Government corporations, said he is not informed but declared that he does not believe that the Governor General is thinking of abolishing any of them.

PECULIAR POSITION.

VERY TIMID DEFENDANT.

A very peculiar position arose in an opium charge brought against a Chinese, before Mr. W. Schofield, this morning.

The defendant, who was on \$50 bail, failed to appear but it was stated that according to the analyst's certificate the opium was Government opium and there was therefore no case against the defendant.

His Worship said that as there was no case he did not think he could confiscate opium or even grant the defendant's bail. His Worship suggested that the case be put over until the police could find the defendant and bring him to Court.

Sergeant Hargreaves asked that the case be dealt with and the police could then return the bail to the defendant.

The case was accordingly dismissed.

INSANE MURDERER.

WANTS TO KILL MOTHER-IN-LAW.

Alfredo Avena, confessed murderer of Nieves de Leon, his wife, asked the court to give him a chance to kill his mother-in-law, to remove the cause of his troubles, reports a Manila paper. Avena appeared before the court to answer the charge of murder filed against him by the fiscal.

Judge Pedro Concepcion, believing Avena to be in a state approaching insanity, declined to proceed further with the trial. Instead he ordered that Avena be confined in San Lazaro hospital for observation.

Relatives of the accused and witnesses present said Avena is foolish. They asserted that he killed his wife while he was in a state of insanity.

KIUKIANG PLIGHT.

FILTHINESS UNDER NATIONALISM.

MODERATES MURDERED.

The struggle between the extremists and moderates in Kiukiang province has resulted in great exodus of moderates from Nanchang to Kiukiang and every day the offices of the British shipping companies (whose steamers are the only ones running) are filled with an anxious crowd of Chinese demanding tickets to Shanghai.

In Kiukiang the political barometer has set "stormy," says the *N. C. D. News* correspondent under date of April 10th. In other words the local magistrate has again disappeared "Ningpo more far." Nobody knows where he has gone. The native city is plastered with posters saying "Down with Chiang Kai-shek" and the Provisional Notes of the Central Bank (Cantonese notes) which were circulating in large numbers have been declared to be of no value. These provisional notes are signed by an appointee of Chiang Kai-shek and have been used to pay his troops. There is an evident attempt on the part of the Communists to damage Chiang Kai-shek's credit.

Meanwhile there is no proper administration in the Concession. The administrator, Mr. Chao, has with some haste booked a passage to Shanghai on a British steamer. Our gallant thirty, the *Islen Ping* (Military Police), who could be seen in armed patrols of three walking round the Concession any fine afternoon of the past three weeks, have run away to Hukow, 10 miles down river.

The Foul Fruits of Nationalism.

For three weeks now the Concession has been Chinese and nothing has been done. No attempt of any sort has been made by the Chinese to build up an organization to carry on essential services. The late Municipal Police, clothed in rags, (most of their clothing was looted by the gentlemen of the 6th Army on January 7) wander about the streets disconsolately, hands in pockets, chatting idly with passing coolies and wondering where their next month's pay is to come from. The Concession footpaths, being the only nicely paved bits of China within a hundred miles, form an excellent course, on which the "jeunesse doree" many acquire the art of bicycling. Our roadways, not so smooth, provide a good track up and down which would-be Nationalist officers may gallop. Our foreshore is a perfectly delightful spot for beggar encampments. Kiukiang Concession, which was sweet and clean and fragrant, will soon revert to the mucky state which is the rest of China. Such are the fruits of the modern Nationalist Government of which Mr. Eugene Chen is so proud.

Moderates Murdered and Molested.

In Nanchang the extremists have succeeded in wrecking the headquarters of the moderate organization, the *Islen Tang Pu*, to which the Farmers are affiliated and four of the moderate leaders have been killed in the rioting. The Commissioner of Education was dragged through the streets. The Commissioner of Justice escaped in time but his wife is believed to have been among some of the women dragged through the streets. How do Education and Justice flourish in Kiukiang! The sudden attack on the Provisional Cantonese notes has added to the already numerous difficulties of the Chinese merchants and many of the shops have again closed their doors.

In Kiukiang the situation is very similar. Although martial law is still in force officially, members of the labour unions are allowed to carry knives. Often these knives are lashed to the ends of long poles and are reminiscent of the pictures in the foreign papers at the time of the Boxer troubles of Chinese crowds parading with these long poles adorned with human heads. The Kiukiang "Islen Tang Pu" has been wrecked and numbers of the moderates, men and women, have been seized, bound with ropes and dragged through the streets. Many of these unfortunate victims are held prisoner. The attitude of the soldiers is doubtful and it is thought that Chu Pei-teh and his whole 3rd Army will support the Communists. Chu Pei-teh is no more a Communist than is Tang Seng-chi, but as the latter wants Hukow for himself so Chu Pei-teh wants Kiukiang for himself, in fact, it is said that they have an appointment for to-day and, 20,000 strong, they intend to march into Kiukiang to beat up the extremists. There is a small hitch, however. Last time they beat up the extremists each farmer received 30 cents for his midday meal, and they insist on receiving 30 cents per head this time too. It is not quite certain whether the money will be forthcoming.

Prices Gone Up.

Prices have gone up. The coolies who beat up the Concession in

COMMISSION DISPUTE.

WIDOW'S CLAIM SUCCEEDS.

An issue to be tried between two Chinese parties, as to whom was entitled to receive \$1,465.60, being commission granted to a former employee of the Canadian Steamship Co., Ltd., was decided this morning before the acting Chief Justice, Mr. J. R. Wood, in the Supreme Court.

The two claimants were Lai Chi-ping, and Leung Chan-shee, widow. The former did not appear in court, and His Lordship made an order for the money to be paid to the widow, who was represented by Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, instructed by Mr. Horace Lo.

The facts of the case are that a man named Leung Shiu-kong was employed by the Canadian Steamship Company on November 1st, 1918, and at that time there was due to him the sum in question as commission. He died however, and his employment was taken by Lai Chi-ping, to whom the money was paid on the understanding he would hand it over to Leung Chan-shee, Leung Shiu-kong's widow.

Leung claimed that she had not received the money, so the company deducted it from Lai's wages, paid the money into court, and left the two parties to fight the matter out.

This morning, Mr. Fitzroy said the other side had received due notice which could be proved by the clerk, or by the hit book signed by the solicitors and their client personally. Notice had also appeared on the record.

As Lai Chi-ping was not present or represented, Mr. Fitzroy asked that an order be made for the money to be paid to his client.

His Lordship accordingly dismissed Lai Chi-ping's action, and made an order as requested with costs.

PHILIPPINE ROADS.

IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED.

The most important problem of the Philippine Government is the improvement of roads, according to Mr. A. T. Sylvester, acting director of public works. In order properly to take care of the ever increasing traffic, the public works bureau will begin at once on a long programme of highway improvements, says the *Manila Bulletin*.

The first project to be undertaken will probably be the widening of the Manila South Road. This road, as well as most of the others, was constructed before the automobile era. The culverts are narrow and will barely permit motor vehicles to pass.

Although improvements will be gradual, as the work can be done only as funds are available, the public works director believes the old roads can be rebuilt without extraordinary expense. The road leading south through Paramene is a part of the highway improvement programme. This road, in addition to being widened, is being asphalted.

The bureau will encourage the use of asphalt on all sections of road where traffic or physical conditions make the maintenance of macadamized roads too expensive. The asphalt of roads through the centres of all municipalities (population) will also be encouraged, as this process practically eliminates dust.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ANZAC DAY SUGGESTION.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—As this is Anzac Day it seems a most opportune time to ask the question: Are there not enough Australians in the Colony to form an association of some sort? Even if the few Australians and New Zealanders in Hongkong were only to hold informal social gatherings amongst themselves to which could be invited those who, like myself, have seen a little of both countries, and still retain therein a genuine interest there would be a great deal of enjoyment derived. Can not some Anzac lead the way? Yours, etc., KIA-ORA.

Hongkong, April 25, 1927.

June 1925, burnt the Taiwan bank, looted the British and Japanese Consulates and the Taikoo house only received 20 cents each.

We have had "another distinguished visitor." Cheng Chien, Commander of the 6th Nationalist Army, looter of the Kiukiang Concession in January, perpetrator of the Nanking Horror in March, has gone through on his way from Shanghai to Hankow, presumably to render an account of his stewardship to his master, Borodin.

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MANILA CHINESE.

WELCOME KUOMINTANG SPLIT.

That the recent split of the conservative and Communist forces in the Nationalist government in China will bring about greater insurance of protection for foreign lives and property in that country, is the general belief of the local Chinese community, says the *Manila Bulletin*.

When asked concerning the result of the split between the two parties, several local Chinese expressed approval of the action. "No Chinese in Manila are in sympathy with the Communist movement," one said.

The Chinese general chamber of commerce in Manila has received a cablegram from Shanghai, quoting General Chiang Kai-shek, commander-in-chief of the Nationalist forces, as saying that every effort will be made to protect foreign lives.

A movement is now being made in China, according to local Chinese, is a branch of the original Communist party of Russia, the party from which Bolshevism originated. The Chinese Communists are relatively new. It was affiliated with the Nationalist party on an agreement that it would follow the Nationalist's principles as a body and that the radical influences of the party would not be spread.

A certain Russian leader in Shanghai was dismissed by the Nationalists' commander-in-chief. The Communists then charged General Chiang Kai-shek with disloyalty to the movement and accused him of being more friendly with other nations than with Russia.

Chiang Answers Charges. Shortly before the split in the two parties, Chiang Kai-shek

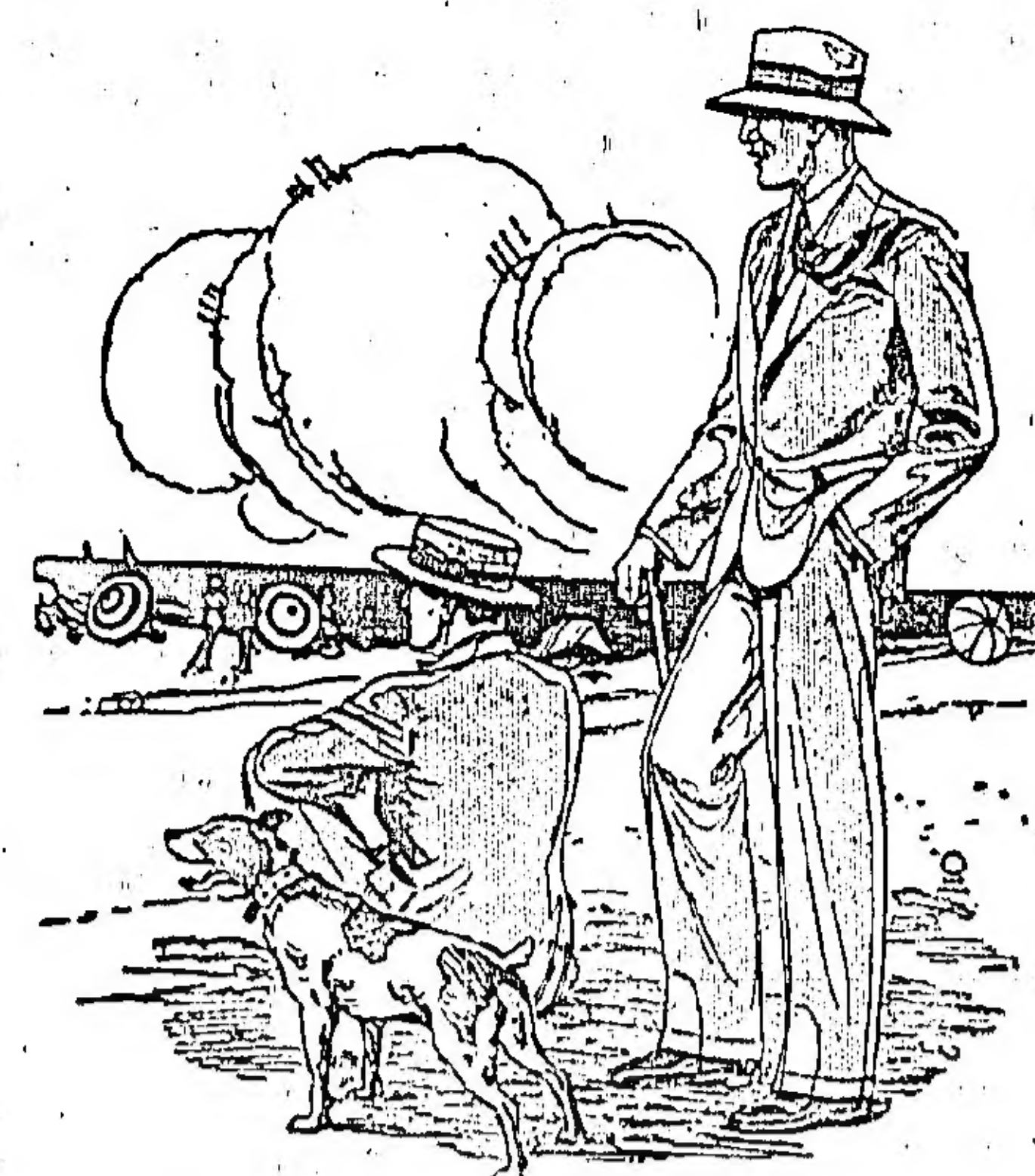
issued a proclamation, answering the Communist charge. In this proclamation it was stated that if Russia is not just to China, she can not expect the same consideration from the Nationalists as is shown other nations.

With trouble brewing between the two parties, the Nationalists leader ordered all Communists to turn in their arms. They refused to obey when forced to do so, attempting to resist by firing into the Nationalist troops.

Local Chinese are of the opinion that the split will cause some delay in the Nationalists accomplishing their objective. They think the delay better, however, than allowing the Communists to remain, since they are instrumental in overthrowing the purpose for which the Nationalists are fighting. The Nationalists are now attempting to dismiss all Russian leaders who are suspected of being in sympathy with the Communist movement.

Glad of Split. "I know that the Chinese in Manila, and I think the majority of Chinese everywhere, are glad that the parties split," a prominent Chinese said. "The Communists have always been trouble makers for China. For leading and organizing labour, the party is alright, but the propaganda they spread is to the effect that the labourers should rule China and the more wealthy leaders be depressed. Chinese are not in sympathy with Bolshevism."

To-day being "Anzac" Day, a wreath was placed on the Cenotaph this morning by Col. Hayley Bell, President of the Ex-Active Service Men's Association, on behalf of the Association. "Anzac" Day commemorates the famous landing of the Australasian troops at Gallipoli in 1915, and in Australia and New Zealand it is observed as a general holiday.



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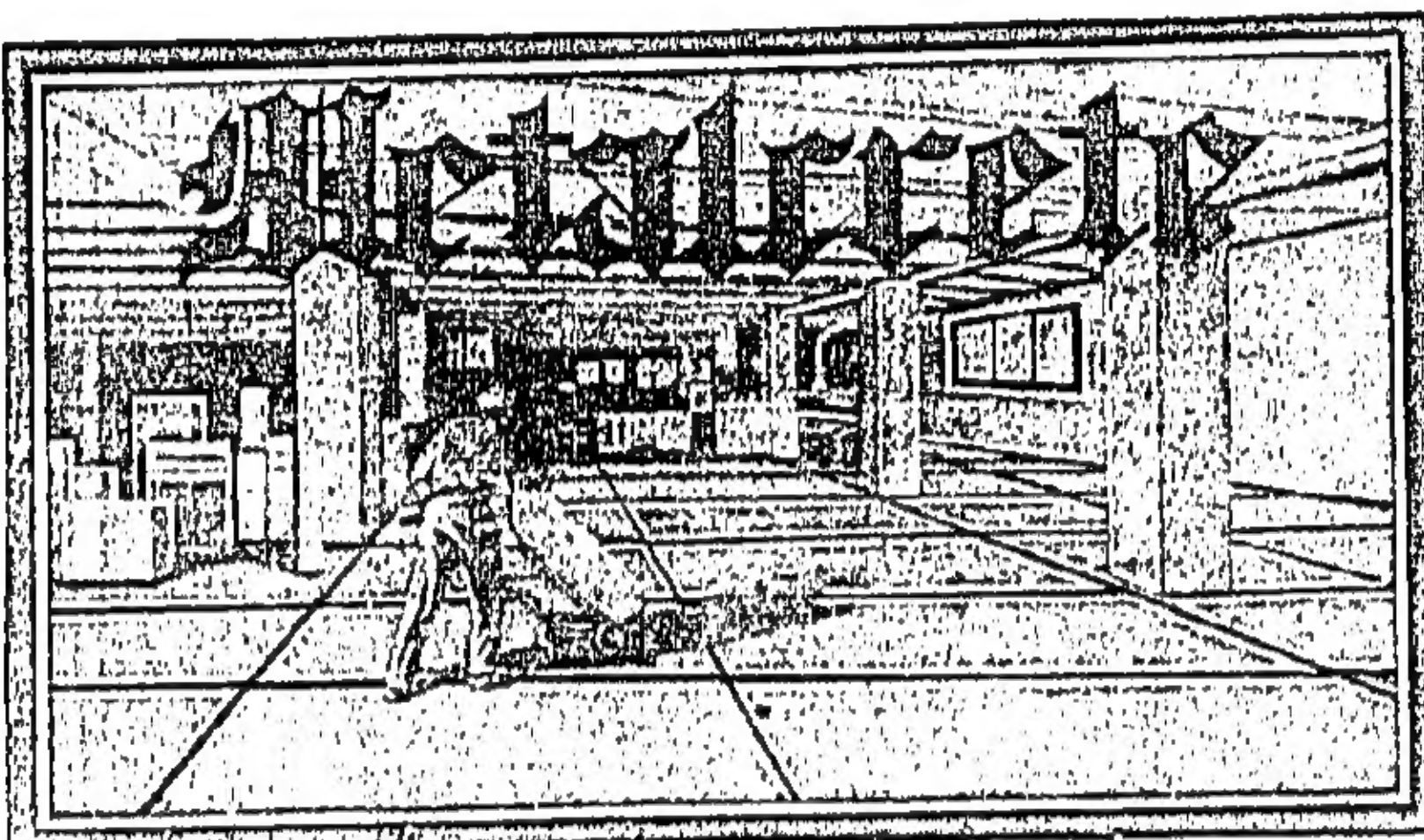
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LAWN BOWLS.

KOWLOON'S THIRD SUCCESSIVE DEFEAT.

Several of the bowling clubs were engaged in practice games on Saturday in preparation for the new season which commences on May 7. On the Kowloon Cricket Club ground, the home team entertained their neighbours and suffered defeat for the third time in succession, the Bowling Green having won, it will be remembered, on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

On the two previous occasions the Cricket Club were comfortably defeated but on Saturday the difference was only one point. The scores were:

K.B.C.C.	K.B.G.C.
Kern	MacLachlan
Lubram	Stonham
Goldenberg	R. Duncan
Hyde	W. Macfarlane

Lammert	Chapman
Davidson	Hale
Overy	Hazel
Hill	Farrell

Hirst	Dobbie
Weng	Pryce
Smith	Holland
Gibson	Harvey

Total	56	Total	57
Majority for K.B.G.C.—1 shot.			
The total scores for the three matches are:			

Good Friday	81	63
Easter Monday	94	52
Saturday	57	55
Totals	232	170
Majority for K.B.G.C.—56 shots.		

Craigengower v East Point.

A test of the difference between the teams of the First and Second Divisions was seen in the Craigengower ground when the home team met the second Leaguers, the East Point Recreation Club. On two heads the hosts proved much superior to their opponents, but on the other heads, the scores were more even.

C.C.C.	E.P.R.C.
Luz	Webster
Fosselet	Anderson
Arcall	Hamilton
Rumjahn	Whiteford

Neves	Vickers
Fritz	Glover
Alves	Baker
Omar	McTavish

Middleton	Samway
Souza	Williamson
Bennett	McKeller
Busa	Lee

Abbas	Walker
Eur	Hanlon
Brightman	McKellar
Muskett	Douglas

Total	36	Total	48
Majority for C.C.C.—52 shots.			

MEXICAN BANDITS.

CHURCHMEN BLAMED.

Mexico City, Apr. 23. Six of the foremost leaders of the Mexican Catholic Episcopate have been ordered to leave the country and are already en route to Laredo.

They were taken from their residences on Thursday night and placed in a train for the American frontier. The men ordered to leave include the Primate Archbishop of Mexico, Archbishop Michoacan.

The Government's drastic action follows its charges that the Episcopate is chiefly responsible for the religious war, dividing the nation, directing revolution, and inspiring outrages like the Limon atrocity.

German Leader.

The Governor of State of Jalisco, where the Limon outrage occurred, has been deposed by State legislature, while Federal troops state that thirteen members of the rebel gang have been killed and three captured. The leader of the gang is said to be a German, who was captured, court-martialed and executed.—Reuter.

BEAUTY CONTEST.

"THE AMERICAN VENUS" AT THE QUEEN'S.

Such a galaxy of beauty as is to be seen in the "American Venus" has seldom been seen in any one picture before. Not only is there Fay Lauphler, the winner of the first prize for the most Beautiful girl in America awarded at the Atlantic City Beauty Pageant, but there are also several of the other competitors taking minor roles in the picture.

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VACCINATION.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

The number of Chinese vaccinated—free of charge—by members of the Ambulance Brigade, up to and including Thursday, 21st inst., was:

Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division	24,724
King's College Division	8,483
Railway Division	4,450
Indian Division	7,184
Kowloon Division	25,281
Mongkok Division	6,685
Shaikwan Division	5,273
St. Joseph's College Division	1,523
Un Long Division	462
Victoria Nursing Division	71
Total	84,142

CUP FINAL.

CARDIFF CITY WIN BY ONLY GOAL.

London, April 23.

Cardiff City defeated the Arsenal by one goal to nil in the final of the F. A. Cup at the Wembley Stadium to-day.

The game started to a roar of applause in dull gusty weather before an attendance of over 80,000, including His Majesty the King, who shook hands with the players before the kick-off.

The Arsenal had all the better of the play in the first half. Their half-backs were superb and by means of delightfully accurate passes kept their forwards constantly attacking. Buchan, Blyth and Hulme were outstandingly prominent, but the Cardiff defence was in excellent fettle.

Ferguson was applauded continuously for brilliant work in the Cardiff goal. The Welsh team did not test Lewis with a real shot, and play had been in progress for half an hour and then Irving fired a hot shot just wide of the post. At half-time no goals had been scored.

Resuming The Arsenal were again the more consistent team, and they did everything but score. The Cardiff attacks were confined to swift swoops on the Arsenal goal, and after 20 minutes play, one of these dashes

LAWN TENNIS.

RUMJAHN BEATS REDMOND IN THREE SETS.

Several Club matches were played in the Hongkong Cricket Club tournaments on Saturday, while F. A. Redmond and H. D. Rumjahn played off their fixture in the fourth round of the Open Singles.

The match was of short duration, Rumjahn winning in straight sets. He was never erratic, Rumjahn now enters the semi-final of the top bracket, where he meets Ng Sze-kwong.

Results.

Saturday's results were as follows: Open Championship Singles.—H. D. Rumjahn beat F. A. Redmond 6-2, 6-4, 6-3.

Club Championship Singles.—L. Foster beat W. B. Cornaby 6-4, 6-4, 6-0. E. Grimbale beat Dr. J. R. Craig 6-0, 6-3. Howard beat Crook 2-6, 6-0, 6-2.

Handicap Singles "A".—A. M. Henderson (owe 2/6) beat T. D. E. Pendered (rec. 4/6) 6-3, 5-2.

To-day's Matches.

Matches down for decision this afternoon are: Open Singles.—S. A. Rumjahn v. M. W. Lo (Fourth Round), to be played on Stand Court.

Open Doubles.—E. G. and E. F. Fincher v. I. M. Buzack and J. A. Casumbhoy (Third Round).

Club Championship.—F. A. Redmond v. G. C. Stark, Col. Russell-Brown v. G. W. Sewell, T. D. E. Pendered v. S. E. Green (Second Round).

Handicap Doubles.—Capt. E. W. Morris and Dr. R. E. Tottenham (owe 15/2) v. Major H. R. Edwards and Major W. B. Stevenson (owe 1/6).

Handicap Singles "A".—Dr. D. J. Valentine (rec. 1/6) v. H. J. Armstrong (rec. 4/6); R. M. Henderson (owe 2/6) v. W. B. Cornaby (scr.); H. Owen Hughes (scr.) v. A. Piercy (rec. 15).

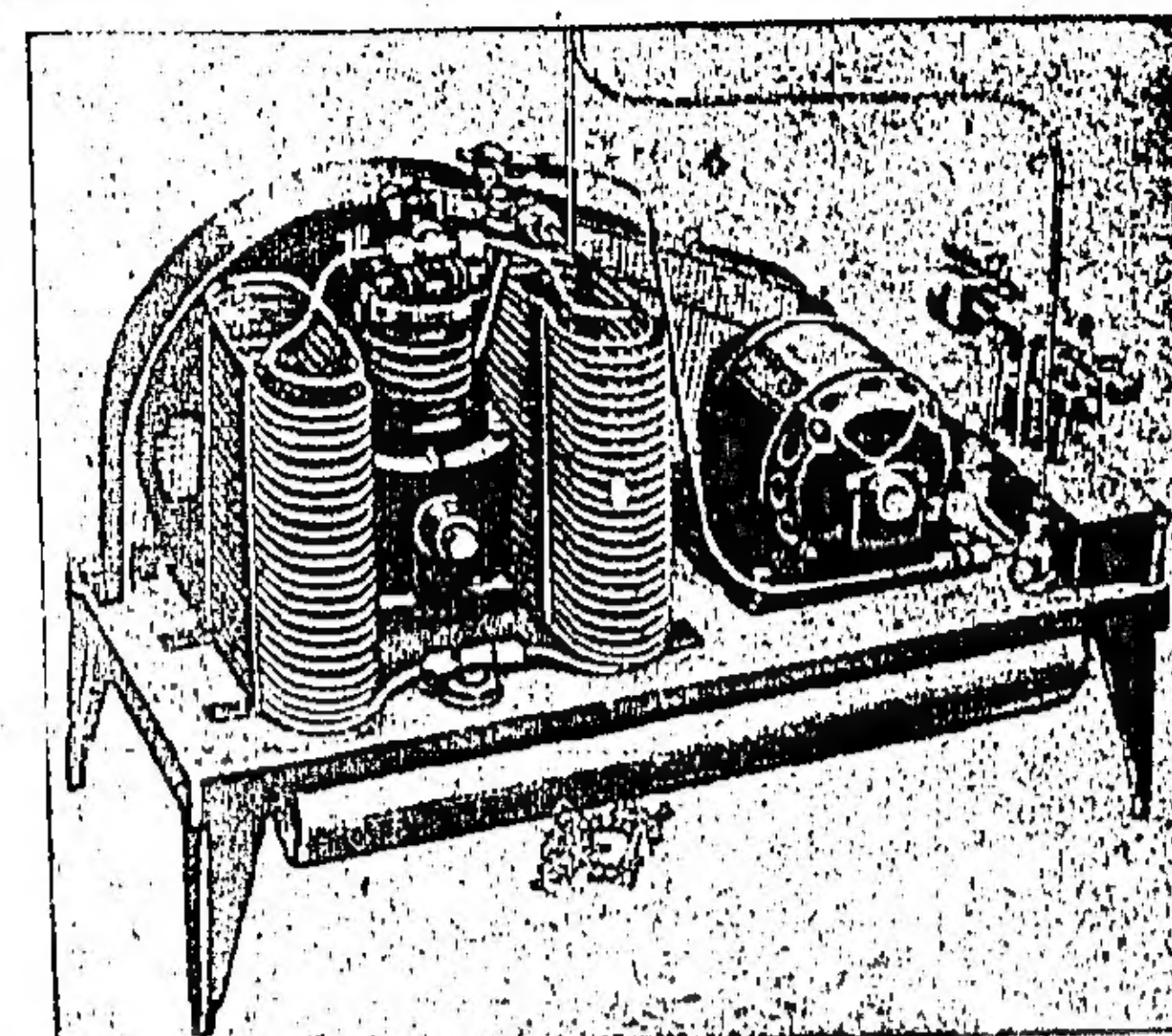
gave the Arsenal a disastrous five minutes.

In the course of a melee in the goalmouth, Ferguson, the Cardiff centre-forward sent in a hard ground shot which Lewis, the Arsenal goalkeeper, in a valiant attempt to save, carried over his own goal-line thus putting Cardiff one up.

Until the end The Arsenal desperately rushed Cardiff's goal without success, and Cardiff won by the only goal of the game.—Reuter.

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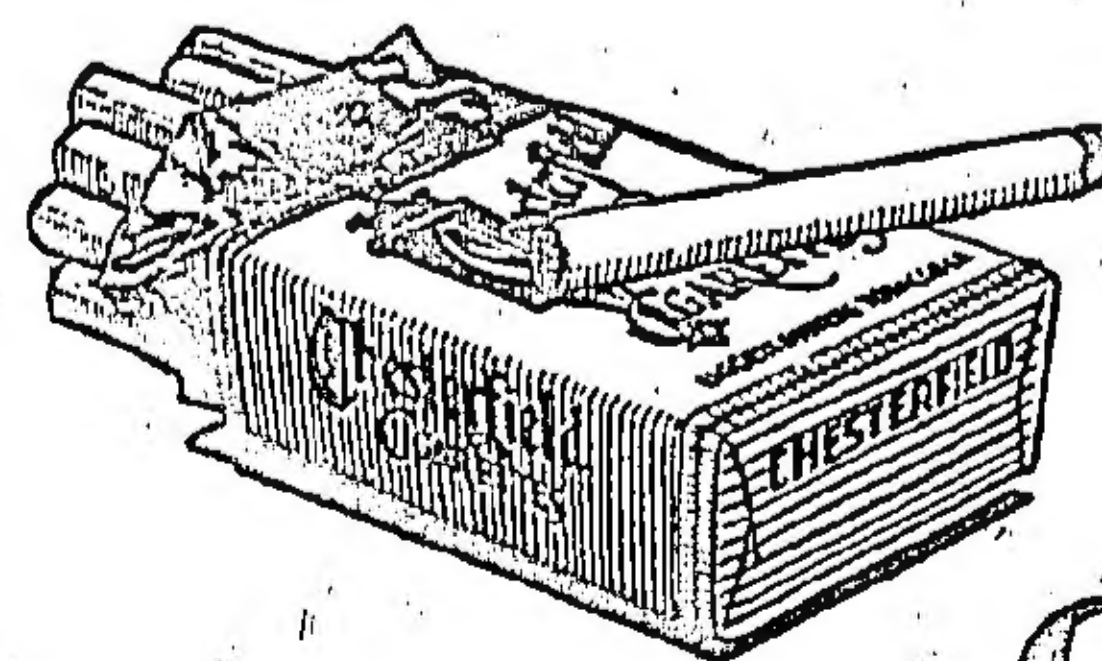
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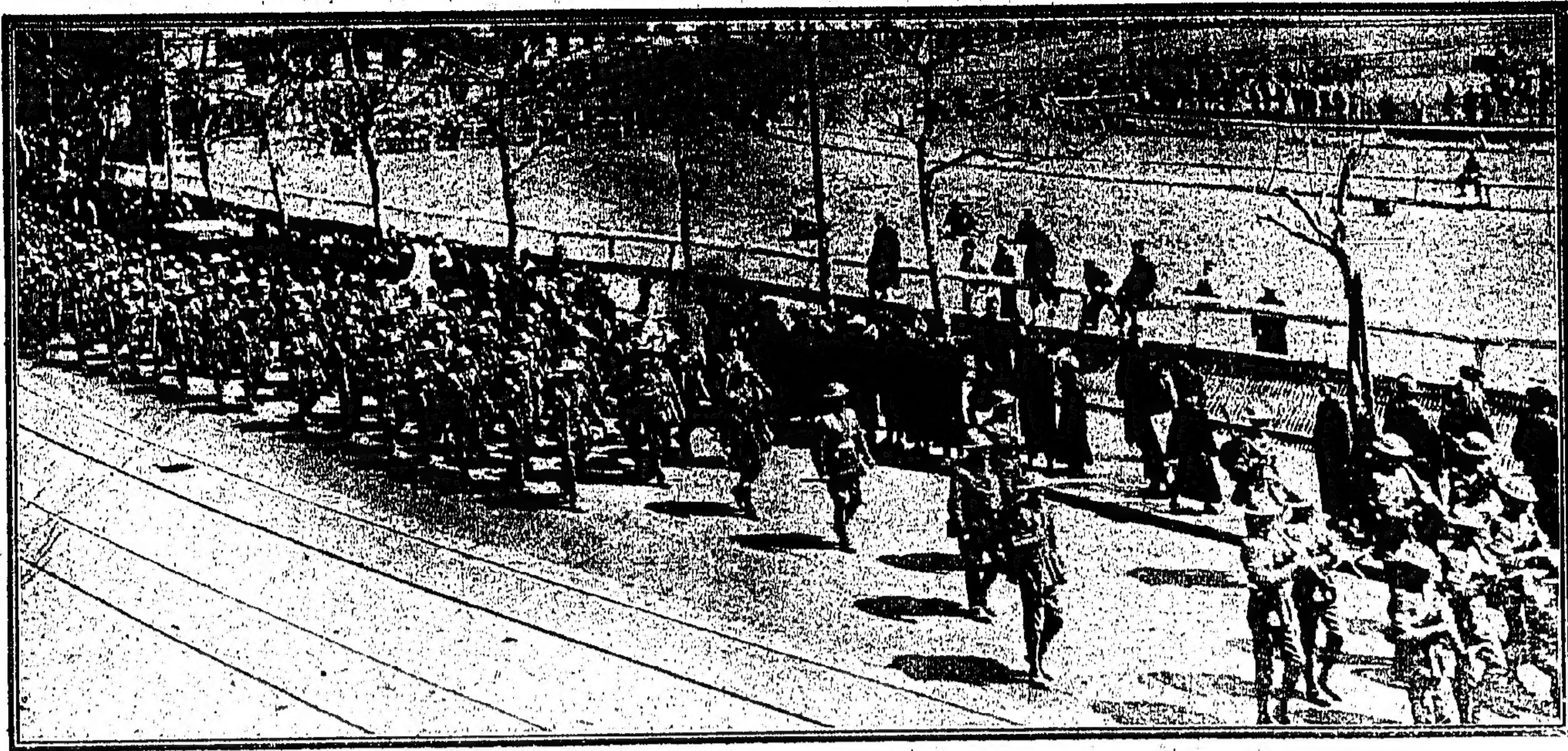


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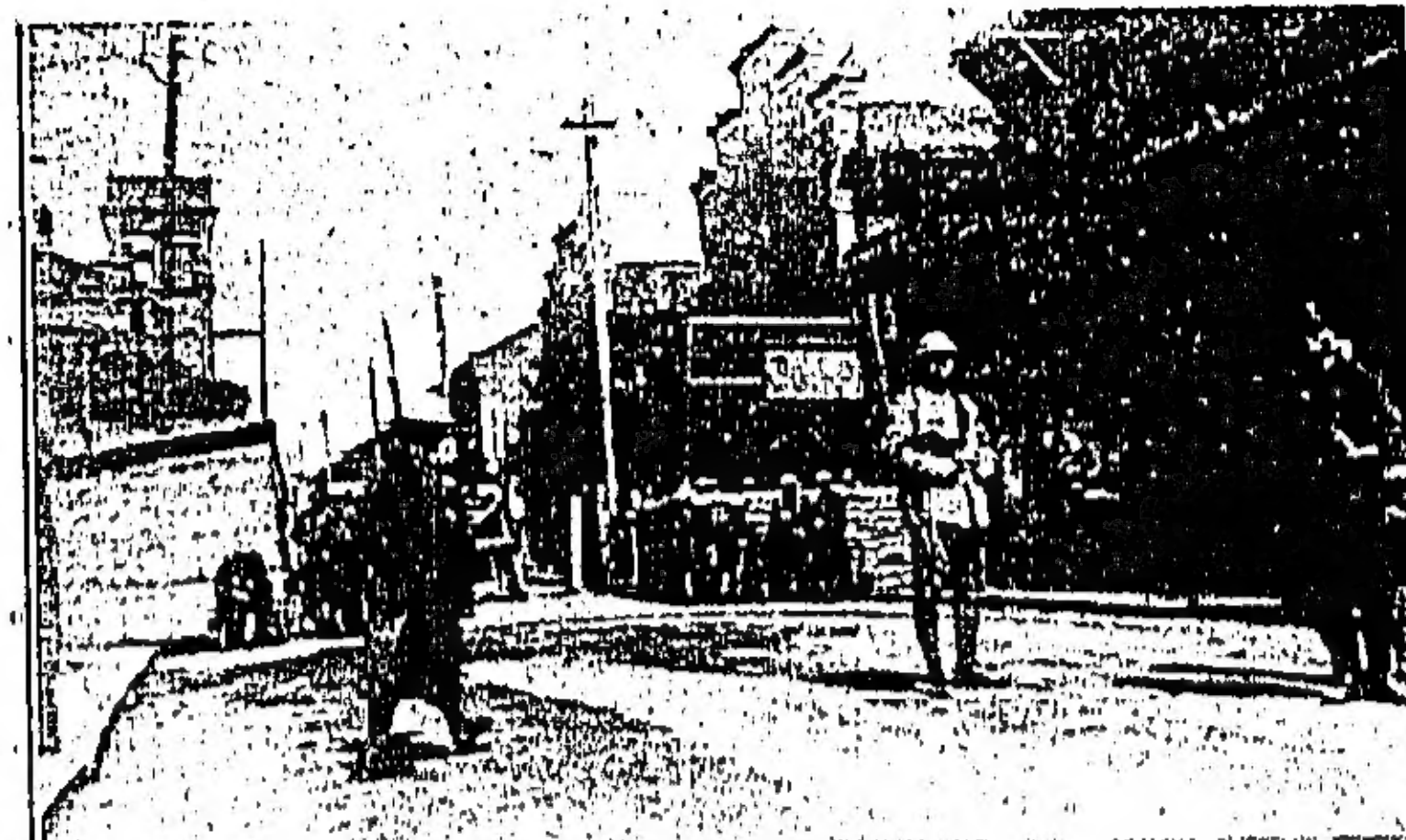
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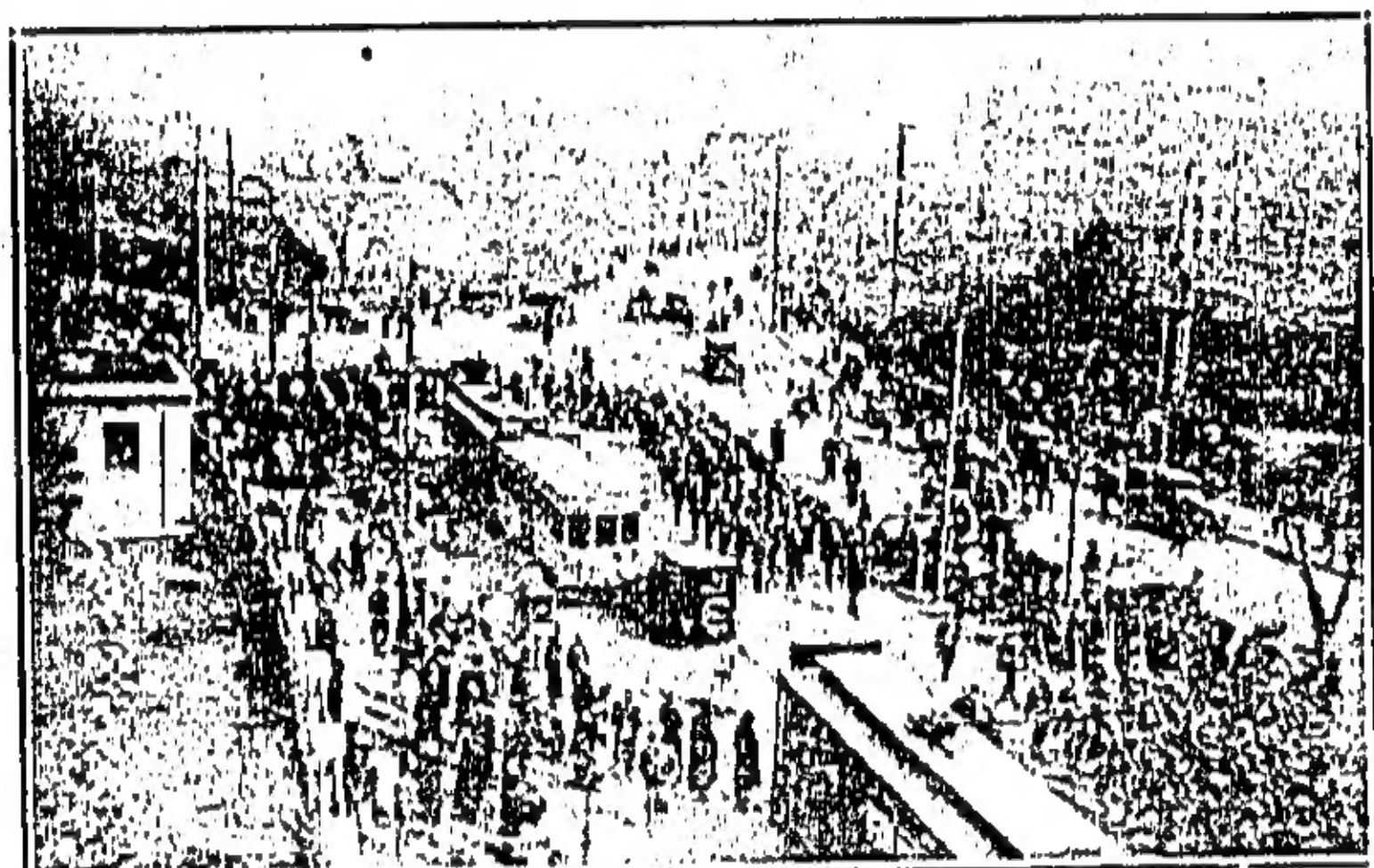
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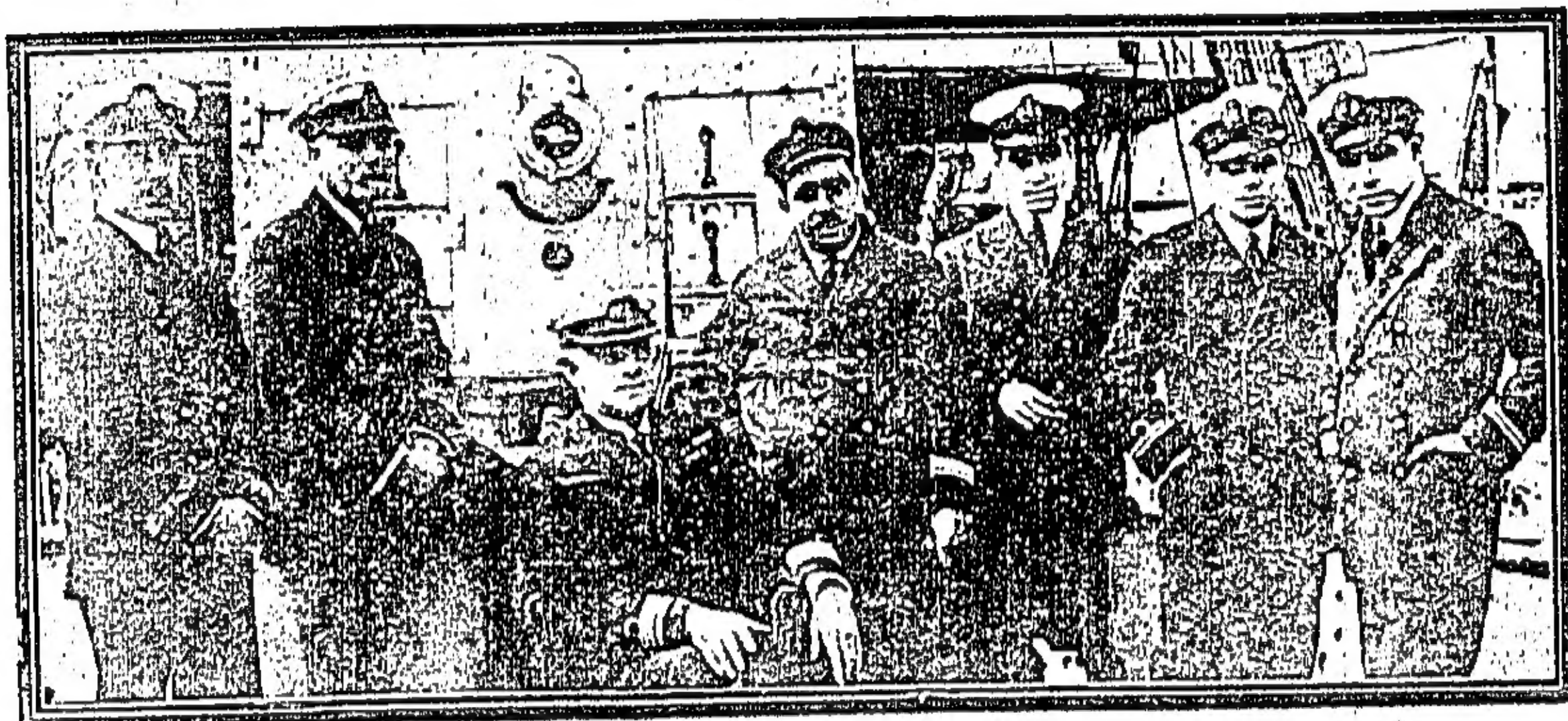
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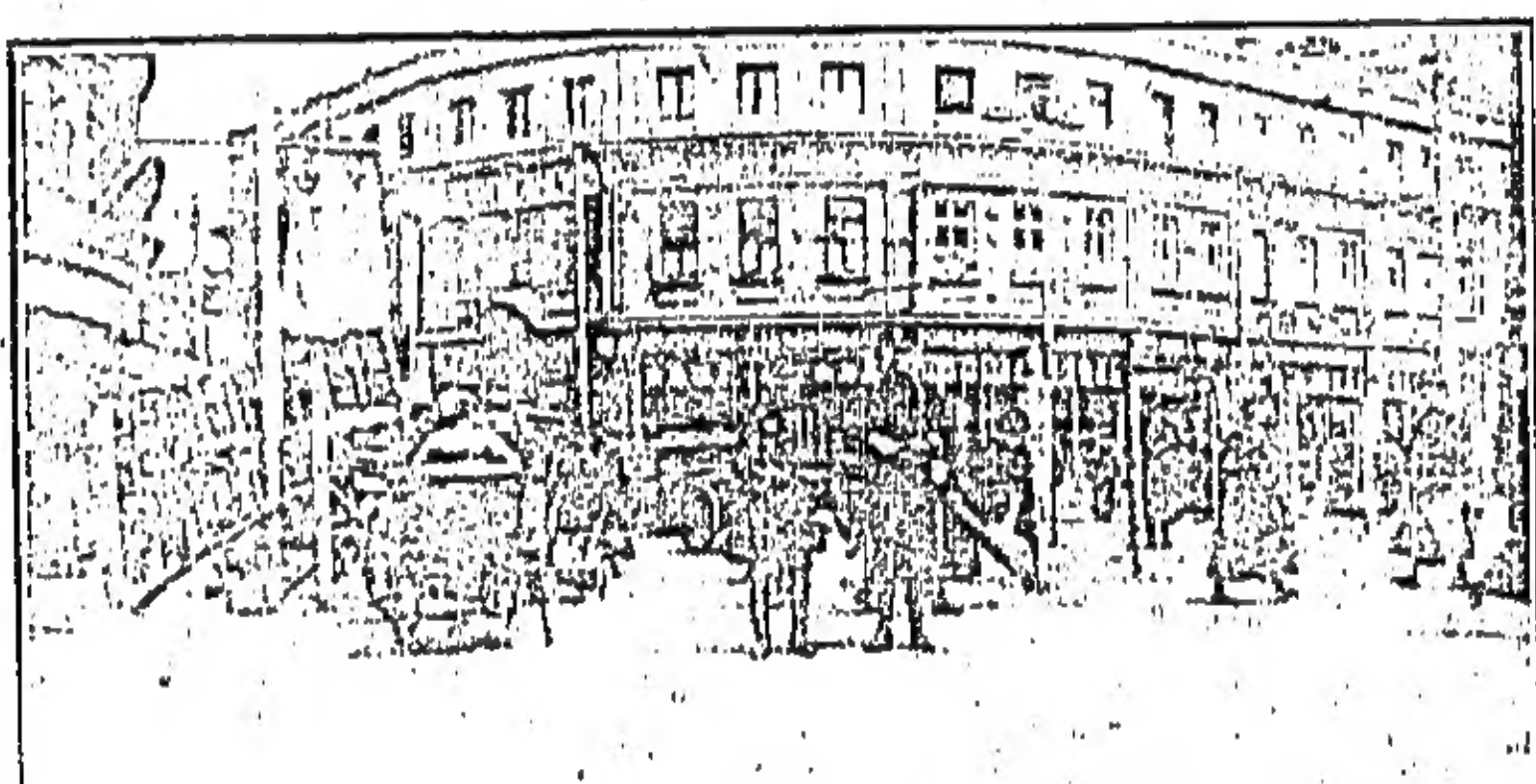
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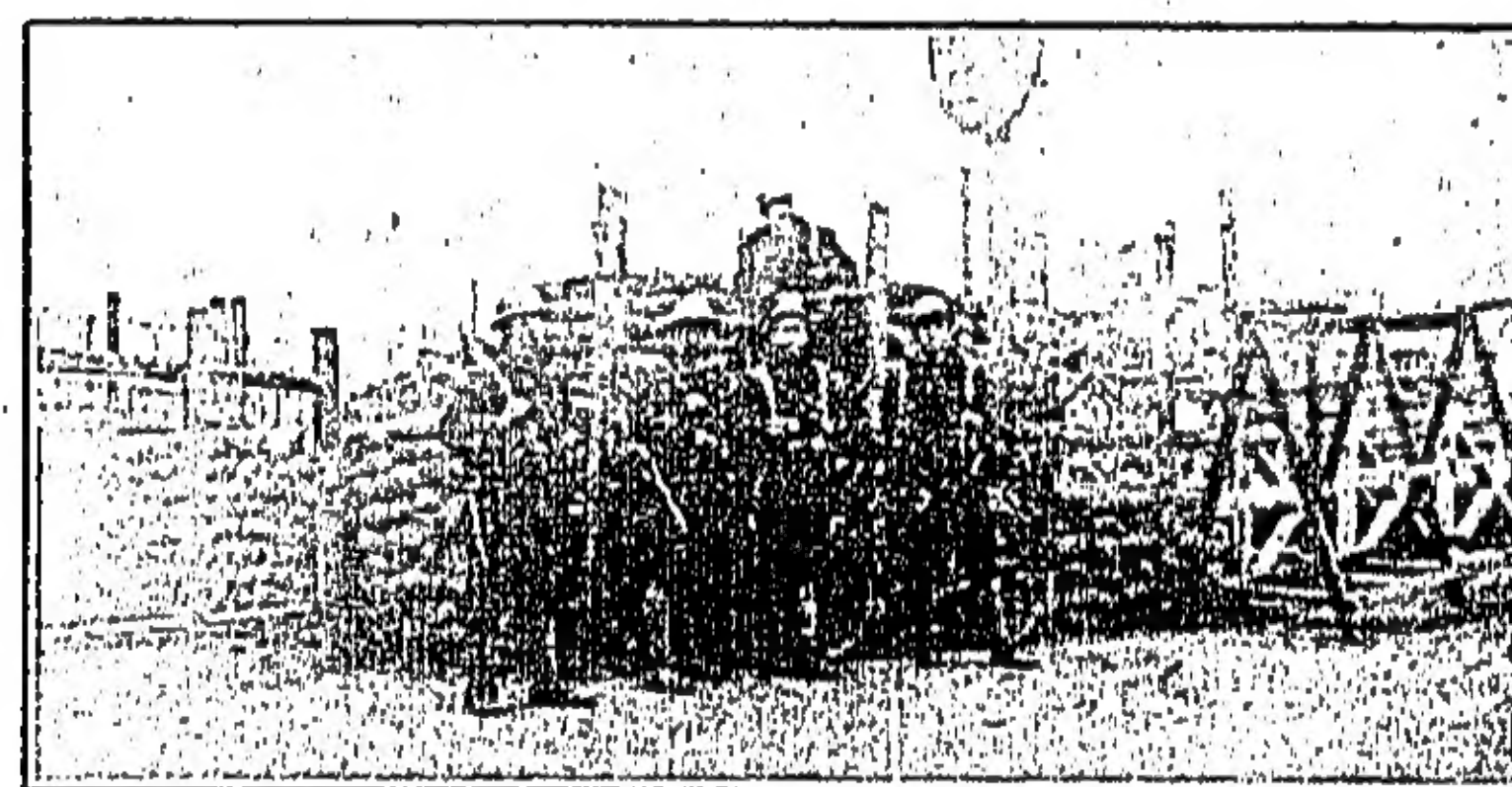
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THE SHANGHAI OF TO-DAY.

1.—The march of the Devonshires past the Race Course, soon after their arrival.

2.—Portuguese and Italian units on guard at the Kashing Road barrier.

3.—A formidable barrier at Kashing Road, with Shanghai Volunteer and Settlement Police on guard.

4.—A common sight in Shanghai at the present time: British marines on a march along the Bund.

5.—Portugal is well represented in the Shanghai defence, this picture showing Commodore Ivens Ferraz, Commander of the Portuguese cruiser Republica.

6.—Another section of Bund defences, where sand-bag filling is in operation.

7.—Italian Marines, photographed at their station near Harbin Road in the Northern District.

8.—Some of the barbed wire defences which encircle the Settlement. This picture was taken at the boundary of Frenchtown.

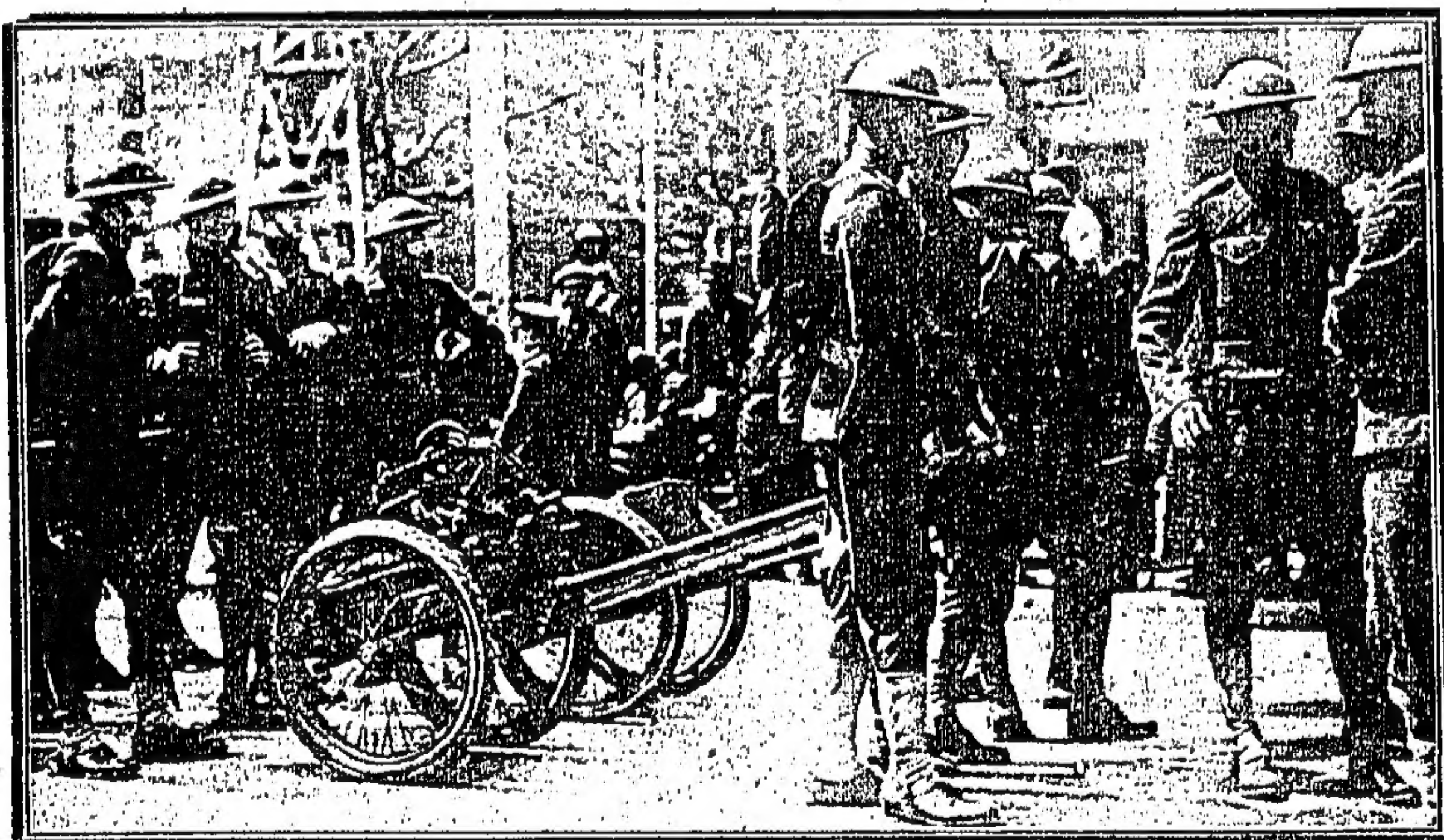
9.—Members of the Italian forces on guard at Weichow Road.

10.—American Marines with a mounted machine gun.

11.—A group of officers of the Spanish cruiser Blas de Lezo, stationed at Shanghai.

12.—British tommies find roughly-made shelter from the first warm Spring sunshine.

13.—The Shanghai War Memorial looks down to-day on strange surroundings. Sand-bags and barbed wire make up their incongruous foreground.



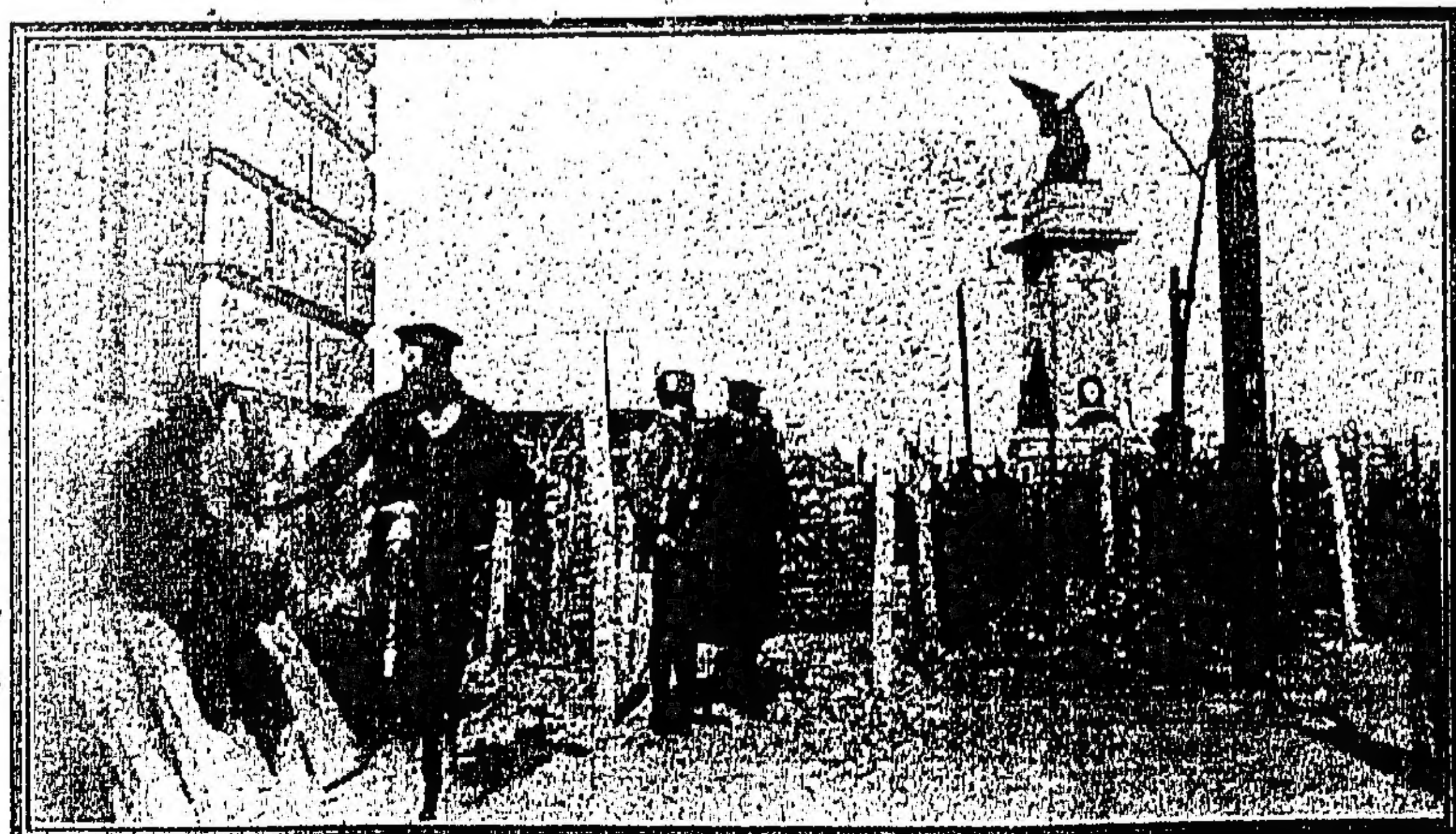
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June 15	Seattle	Leviathan	July 13	C'burg S'mptn July 19
June 21	San Francisco	Homeric	July 23	C'burg S'mptn July 29
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THE PIRACY PROBLEM.

(Continued from Page 10.)

first sentence of the quotation given cannot but excite astonishment if it is to be taken at its face value. The more charitable view probably is that it is a matter of propaganda only. Chinese Governments have often complained that the foreign controlled areas of the country are responsible for all the ills of China, and have avoided responsibilities thereby. The same course still offers the same advantages but in addition the propaganda habit has become so strong among the Nationalists that even this opportunity, unreasonable as it is, cannot be resisted.

Lack of Co-operation.

This augurs ill for the immediate possibility of co-operation, and the Commissioners feel that the maintenance of this attitude with the continuance of absence of any attempt by the Chinese to carry out an elementary international duty in their own territory justify a recommendation for independent action. Very strong reasons are required for such action, but Blue Day at least supplies them in its direct connexion with seaborne piracy in the last five years, since having occurred in the last two years; and in the absence of a sustained or even a serious attempt by any local authority to deal with an evil which has for too long made the name notorious.

"This was written before the Bias Bay raid on 23rd March, 1927, but is allowed to stand as a general recommendation: Bias Bay merely affording a conspicuous example.

3. The responsibility for combating piracy.

While the roots remain, piracy will recur; and pending the necessary drastic action ashore, the Commission has therefore to consider the best means of mitigating the scourge, by way of preventing the operations of pirates on ships being successfully completed.

(a) Piracy from without.

The question naturally falls into two parts, piracy from without and piracy from within. The latter, at one time practically unknown, seem to have replaced the former, once a standing menace to commerce throughout the seven seas. Among the steps taken to deal with piracy from without, the course of history shows that action by the British Navy was always the most important factor; but in connexion with the "Minority Report" it is interesting to quote the following from the "Encyclopedia of the Laws of England," volume 11, page 139.

An Ancient Statute.

"Not resisting Pirates is an offence by a statute of the reign of Charles II. (22 and 23 Car. II. c. 11) whereby the master of any vessel of a burden not less than two hundred tons, and furnished with sixteen guns is forbidden to yield his cargo to pirates or any force without resistance, on pain of being rendered incapable to take charge of any English vessel afterwards; and if the ship by the pirates to the master, such gift and his share of the ship are to go the owners of the goods. And any ship of less burden, or force than before mentioned is forbidden to yield to a Turkish pirate, not having double her number of guns, without fighting: an extraordinary instance of the courage and skill of the Abbots, which the legislature of those times attributed to English seamen, and which the exploits of succeeding generations have so often and so gloriously exemplified."

"Sec. 6 of the same statute provided that if the mariners or inferior officers of any English ship, laden with goods and merchandise as aforesaid, shall decline or refuse to fight and defend the ship when they shall be thereto commanded by the master or commander thereof, or shall utter any words to discourage the other mariners from defending the ship, every mariner who shall be found guilty of declining or refusing as aforesaid, shall lose all his wages and his share in the ship and suffer imprisonment not exceeding the space of six months, and shall during such time be kept to hard labour for his or their maintenance."

Still Holds Good.

The principle underlying this law still holds good though the circumstances have altered. No reasonably possible action by the Navy is possible unless it is supported by full precaution and determined action on the part of all those who may be open to attack. Service on the China coast must in these troublous times be held to include the risk of piracy, and to presuppose a determination to resist. That this assumption is no mere pious hope is shown by an extract from the record of a meeting held at the Colonial Office to consider piracy on the China coast on 10th July, 1924. At that meeting there were present besides representatives of the Colonial Office, Foreign Office, the Admiralty, the Board of Trade, and the Hongkong Government, the following:

Mr. T. W. Moore, C.B.E., F.R.G.S., Secretary, The Imperial Merchants Service Guild.

Mr. D. Bramah, C.B.E., General Secretary, The Marine Engineers Association.

Mr. J. Watson, Secretary, The Marine Engineers Guild of China. (Representing also the China Coast Officers Guild).

The relevant section of the minutes reads:

"As a preliminary to the consideration of this suggestion, there was some discussion as to whether the Guilds had any objection in principle to the defence of a ship from within. The representatives of the Guilds made it clear that they had no such objection in principle and indeed accepted as axiomatic the duty of the master and officers to defend their ship."

"Action Stations."

The same spirit is shown in the letter from the Secretary (China Coast Officers' Guild) to the Secretary (Sui An Piracy Commission), dated 13th December, 1922, which contains the sentence: "That every vessel should have 'Action Stations' for repelling attack by pirates, and exercise therein at regular intervals, such practice being recorded in Log Book"; and of the letter from the Marine Engineers Guild of the same date, which covers very detailed advice on the best use of possible defensive measures, such as grates, steam pipes and hot water hose, and the Commissioners have no reason to think that the views of the two Guilds have been altered by more recent events.

It is reassuring to note that the officers of the s.s. Sunning have proved that the compliment conveyed to the Mercantile Marine in the quotation given from Abbott is still justified, and that officers are still prepared to meet for service on the China coast with all its risks and added responsibilities.

The memorandum criticising the Minority Report, (Appendix III) deals very fully with this question of piracy from without.

The Commissioners identify themselves with that memorandum, and hold the view that piracy by the Navy over the whole of the actual danger zone is impossible to an extent justifying the reduction of the external precautions on board ships, which they merely complement; but that it is necessary to press for the extension of assistance from the Navy, which already guards the rivers, in the direction of establishing patrols off the seaward approaches to known pirate strongholds, and in the last resort, failing the co-operation of the Chinese authorities, of destroying these strongholds by independent action.

(b) Piracy from within.

Before considering in detail the question of piracy from within, it is pertinent to ask what action a British man-of-war could take if it found a ship already in control of pirates. The difficulties confronting the commander and the extra risks to which all on board the pirated ship would be exposed are so obvious that they need no further elaboration. But the point emphasises again the supreme necessity for all possible action to prevent pirates gaining control, if only for long enough to send out signals to summon assistance.

The Commissioners base their recommendation principally on a consideration of the proper incidence of responsibility for defensive action within any ship. The possibility of making an impenetrable citadel of the bridge, with the probability that pirates will not attack a ship, where the conditions leave any doubt as to their chances of getting clear with the booty, has been discussed under section V.

Regulations Unique.

The whole of the existing Hongkong Piracy Prevention Regulations form an extraordinary and unusual piece of legislation; it is indeed probably unique. Locally made regulations are imposed upon ships which are bound by bond to observe them far outside the limits of the Colony's jurisdiction. It is by no means clear that the Regulations cannot conflict with Board of Trade Regulations common to the whole British Mercantile Marine. In any event, they have equal power to impose regulations of their own making, so that the value of the Hongkong bond may quite easily depend on something beyond the control of the bondsman. Further, the choice given to a captain, outside Hongkong waters, between observing the conditions of his bond or of ignoring them in favour of the Regulations, holds view that they are commonly held view that Regulations often end in the defeat of the bond. The choice is the more readily made in that some at least of the conditions of the bond tend to hamper the easy working of a ship and the Regulations therefore start with the handicap of being unpopular. One such opening for attack weakens the whole fabric, which is already none too strong with the difficulty concerning the discipline of the guards, and the doubts concerning the dangers of carrying revolvers near a compass. Very conflicting evidence on this last point was received, and the Commission can only conclude that it is possible that in certain circumstances the danger may be a real one.

But this criticism takes second place in importance to the consideration that the Regulations cause a misplaced incidence of responsibility. The Government assumes through them some responsibility for the internal defence of a ship, and the whole responsibility for any possible conflict with the Board of Trade Regulations, in emergency.

Government Responsibility.

The value of the scheme of defence, the satisfactory design and construction of the grilles, the reliability of the Indian guards, and their supply (or want of supply, as it has at times been necessary to detain ships for which no guards were immediately available)—these matters lie with the Government and they eat so deep into internal management, that those concerned are encouraged to go further and to consider that the whole anti-piracy question is a matter for Government alone. The fact, of course, is that a discipline and determination alone will count; without them the best made "scheme of defence" will be worthless, and where they exist the scheme is best left to those who have to depend on it perhaps for their lives. Advice and assistance should be freely given, but the responsibility should be directly on owners and officers. The companies at present pay all expenses for certain fittings and guards ordered or provided by the Government. They have little faith in their value, and in few cases do much to co-operate. The Government does nothing beyond insisting that precautions are taken, that the companies could not do at least equally well themselves. The

responsibility is, however, shifted to the Government. With that responsibility definitely put back on to the companies, it is to be hoped that precautions being taken with a better will, and therefore with more chance of being thorough. Whatever it was decided to do would in any event be more quickly done than now, when it appears that the "Scheme of Defence Committee" has six months whole time work before it to bring all the ships concerned into line with the Regulations, with little expectation that any organised "plan of defence" will be separately arranged before the regulation "scheme of defence" is set out by the Committee.

This misplaced incidence seems to have occasioned a misapprehension that appears in the Minority Report. That report, which hardly recognises sufficiently the "important distinction between pirates from within and between pirates from without, carries the Government acceptance of a responsibility which it was forced by circumstances to assume but which it cannot fully discharge, to the furthest possible limits, and lays the whole burden on the Navy, apparently absolving owners, officers and crew from doing anything at all in their own interest.

Government action was required to force a beginning. The last thirteen years have proved ideas, and considerable structural work, which should not now be in danger, of losing their momentum, and experience which is not likely to be ignored. There is now more probability that the experience gathered will be put to practical use without, rather than with, Government "interference."

VIII.—Recommendations and Conclusions.

The main conclusion to which the Commission has been driven is that the conditions demand precautions and an organisation to resist pirates on board every vessel exposed to the risk of piracy, but that no system is worth the cost of installation or the trouble of organising, unless it is backed by a determination to resist on the part of owners and officers alike, who must necessarily co-operate to this end. The Government hand in the organisation on board is openly unpopular, and in lacking the essential co-operation of owners and officers, even constitutes an obstacle to the institution and development of voluntary schemes. The Piracy Prevention Regulations and thirteen years' experience have given a valuable lead; and the Commission is unanimously of opinion that the responsibility for internal precautions and organisation should now be thrown back upon the owners, who, by seeking the co-operation of their officers and considering their views, will at least be able to ensure that the arrangements which are essential. Where the proper spirit exists, the Commissioners are convinced that arrangements can be made which will go far towards eliminating the risk of piracy, while if that spirit is lacking Government regulations will avail but little. This conclusion is no royal road to the elimination of piracy, but the Commissioners are satisfied that it goes to the heart of the matter, and that it must form the foundation of any attempt of whatever kind to mitigate the evils of piratical attacks.

Naval Patrols.

It is by no means intended, however, that the Government should do nothing. It is the Government's part to press for all possible patrolling, and independent action if called for, by the Navy on the river and around spots such as Bias Bay, to encourage the installation of wireless, to consider the desirability of making it compulsory, and to facilitate its employment by such methods as the reduction to a minimum of transmission charges, to continue to make the Colony an unhealthy centre for pirates by search and detection operations aloft and ashore, and in addition to afford all such advice and assistance towards the making of satisfactory arrangements on board, as it may be possible to provide. In a purely voluntary scheme such as the Commission favours the provision of satisfactory guards for example may offer difficulties to private companies. In this matter Government could undoubtedly assist, and under section V above the Commissioners have outlined a scheme which they anticipate would secure the necessary co-operation with the owners. There may be many details in which advice would be sought, (the details of a system of signals is an obvious one), and the resources of the Harbour Office, and of others as may be necessary, should be made available. In their recommendations the Commissioners include in a general shape applicable to all vessels alike points, which the enquiry has shown to be most deserving of the consideration of owners in forming their own defence schemes. But opinion may be desired on the many possible modifications and these should be readily available.

Recommendations.

The unanimous recommendations of the Commissioners are summarized as follows:

1. The Government should endeavour to induce the authorities at the coast ports to make the searching at those ports more effective, and should continue to press for the co-operation of the Chinese authorities to deal with the evil ashore. Should effective co-operation continue to be withheld, the Commissioners consider that H.M.'s Government would be amply justified in taking independent action for the extermination of known pirate strongholds as a common international duty.
2. The necessity for all possible patrolling by the Navy on the river, and on the coast, especially in the vicinity of such spots as Bias Bay, should continue to be emphasised.
3. The whole of the Piracy Prevention Regulations should be re-examined, and the following recommendations should be brought to the notice of owners as the outlines of a scheme sufficient to enable a few determined men to prevent a suc-

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- (c) Careful attention should be given to points of detail such as: the arrangement of lights to assist the defence, a system of alarm bells and a plan to concentrate all Europeans on deck.
- (d) The compulsory installation of wireless telegraphy should be considered, but in any event the Government should encourage its use and development by such means as the reduction of charges for a system of anti-piracy messages.
- (e) The Government should establish a Board to be the repository of all data connected with piracy, which should meet at say, quarterly intervals to consider the question generally with a view to being in a position to supply information and advice when called upon. The idea of the Commissioners is to reduce formalities, and therefore delay, to a minimum. The opinion and advice of all members of the Board should be severally or jointly at the disposal of those concerned, and the available data should be equally at the disposal of each member, who would have discretion to advise with or without calling the remaining members to formal consultation. The responsibility for the collection and custody of the records would naturally fall to the lot of the Harbour Master, with the Harbour Office as the most convenient repository; and the members to be associated with him should include the Captain Superintendent of Police, a Naval Officer, and a Coast Officer still serving from time to time to bring the existence and nature of this Board and its personnel to the notice of those concerned, especially the Shipping Companies.

The report is signed by—A. H. Stewart, W. Davidson, T. G. Weill, L. Fitzmaurice, Jones, G. F. Hole, E. D. C. Wolfe, E. R. Hallifax (Chairman).

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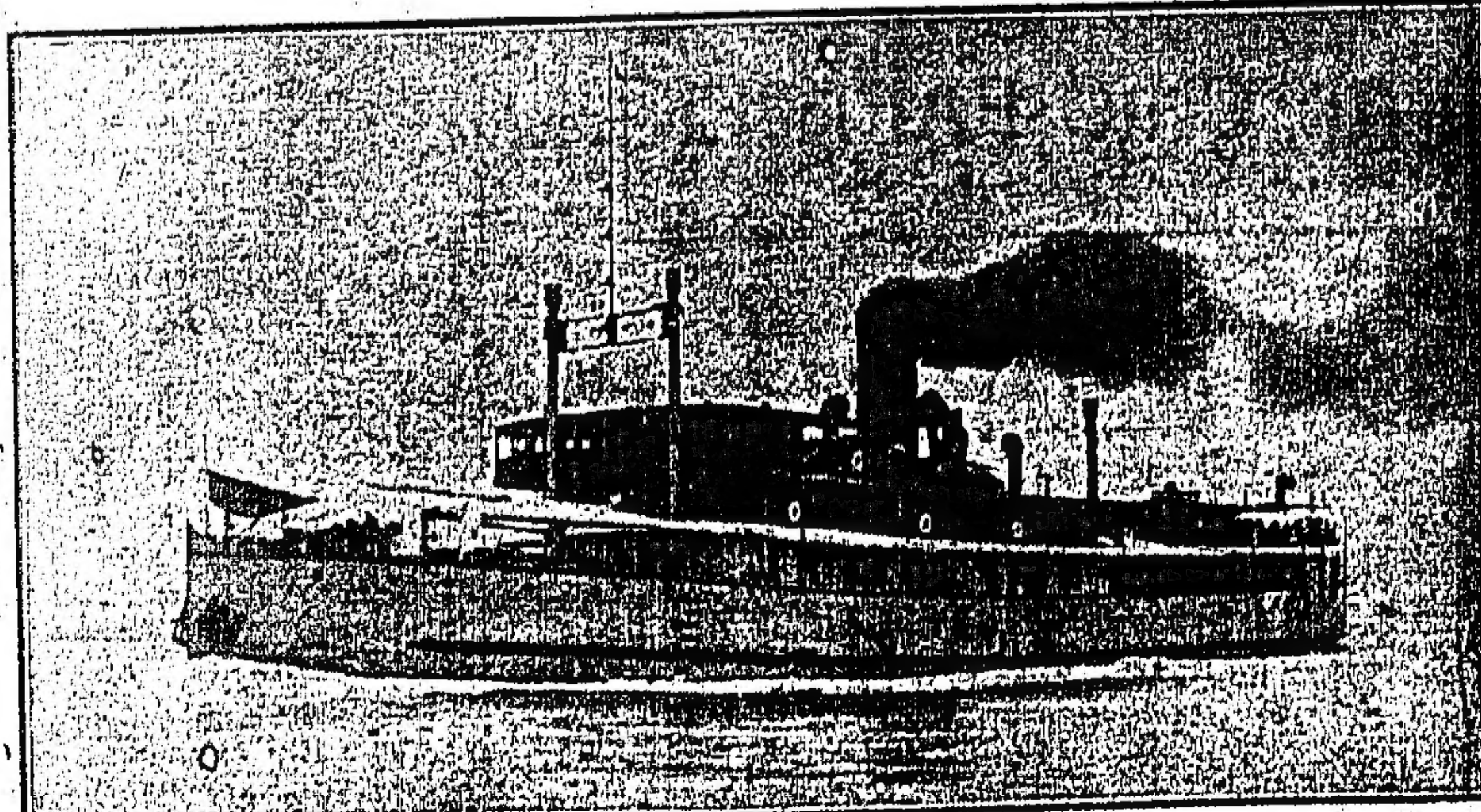
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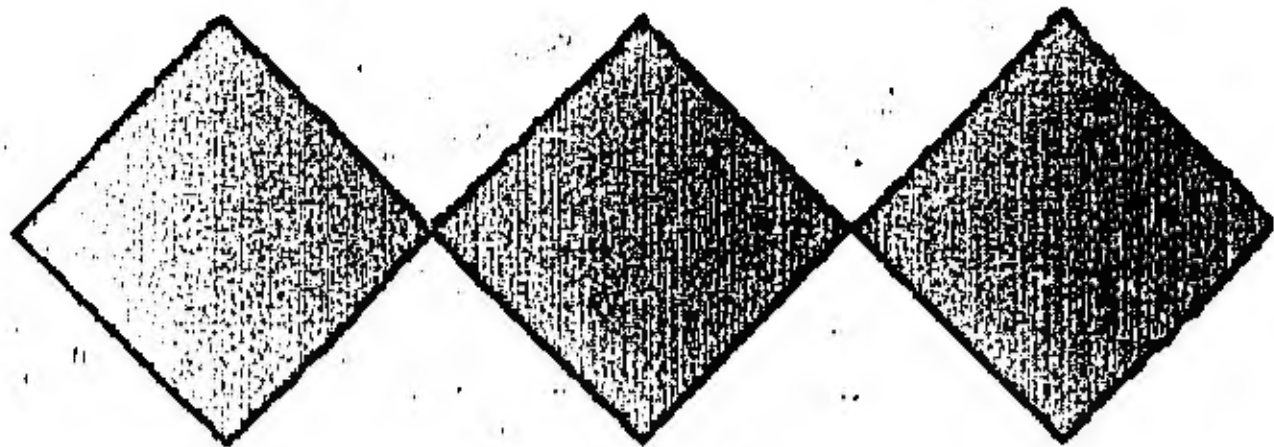
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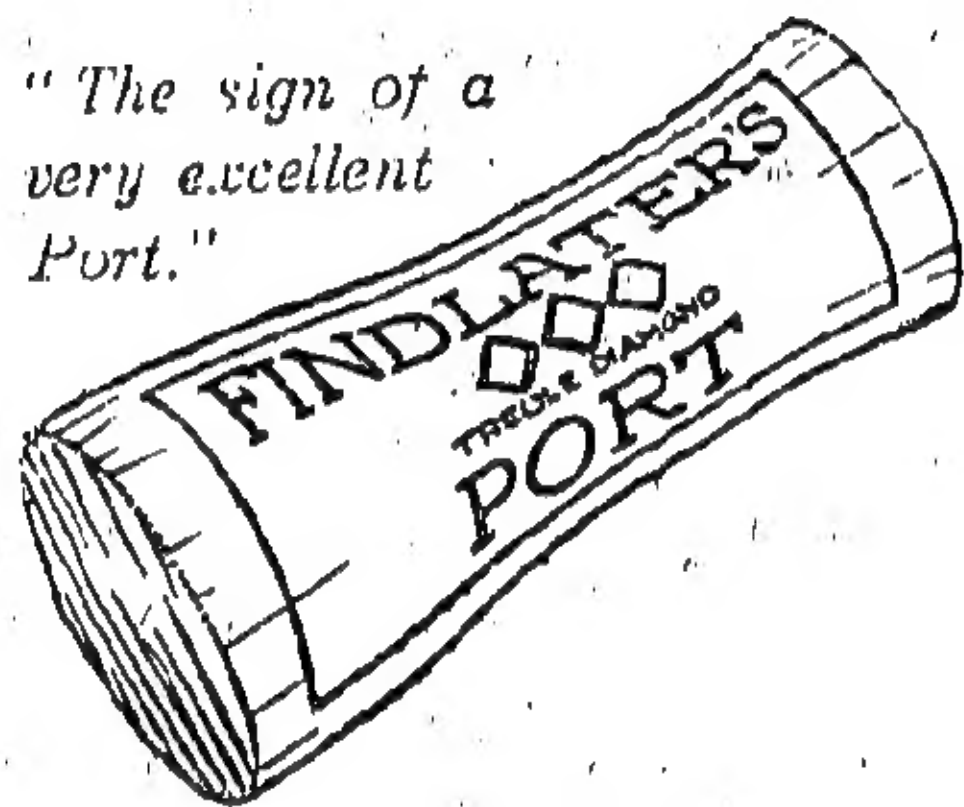
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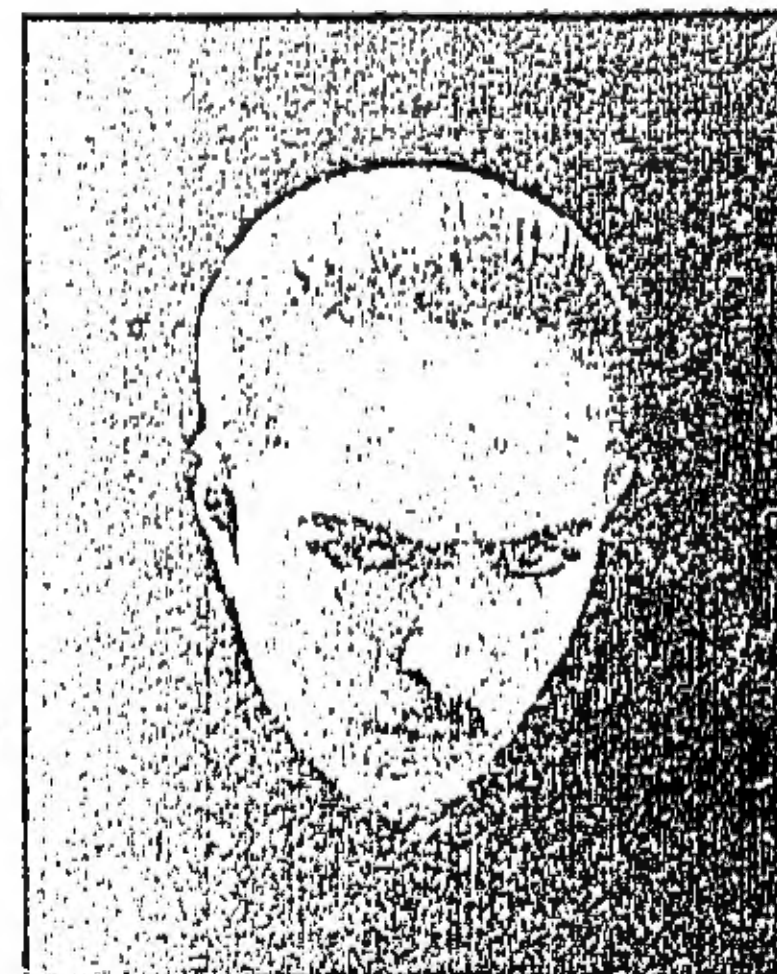
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The Philippines controls the supply of raw material for manufacturing buntal hats. Local exports amounted to only 672,280 porters, in the past, were of the hats, valued at Pesos 3,039,160, as opinion that the Chinese could not against 985,462 hats, valued at Pesos 4,741,819, for the previous year. It was through this attitude, according to commerce and industry officials, that the Philippine hat industry is now losing ground. Exports in hats are falling off uninterruptedly each year, according to revenue statistics, and there is no indication that they will start picking up again. In 1926, the loss of this important industry would be greatly felt in the Philippines. A large number of labourers are now being paid several million pesos each year, either directly or indirectly, from the industry.

PHILIPPINES EXPORTS.

SLUMPS IN LEADING CROPS.

Total exports from the Philippine Islands in 1926, decreased in value, Pesos 23,985,771 under the total exports of 1925, reports a Manila paper. The decrease was largely due to an unusually low sugar production. Sugar, which has been the leading export for many years, exported in 1926 amounted to only Pesos 64,284,076 as compared with Pesos 91,043,292 in 1925. The decline in this item alone is more than the total decrease, indicating that the general business trend was actually above average.

There also was a decrease of Pesos 6,759,219 in the value of exported abaca. Abaca has always run sugar a close second as the leading export. Notwithstanding last year's decline, the value of abaca exported was only Pesos 175,192 less than the sugar exported.

The principal articles which increased in export value, enough to partially overcome the total export loss included oils, such as coconut, ilang-ilang, lumbang and sesame; copra; emeralds; desiccated and shredded coconut; lumber and timber; knotted hemp; distilled spirits; fish and fish products; and rice.

Another of the items, bringing down the total export values was buntal fibers. These are used principally in the manufacture of hats and a large per cent. of the export is as finished products. The increase in hat prices by Philippine hat manufacturers is attributed as the cause of a notable decrease in this item.

The total value of imports from foreign countries slightly decreased. Articles brought into the islands in 1926 amounted to Pesos 239,455,667 as compared with Pesos 238,597,984 in 1925. Had it not been for the bumper rice crop during the year it is believed that imports also would have been unfavourable. Rice valued at Pesos 9,067,510 was imported in 1926 as compared with Pesos 12,826,439 in 1925.

SERIOUS HAPPENING
AT WUHU.

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Ground to celebrate the removal of the Nationalist Government to Nanking, and that a congratulatory telegram should be sent to the Nanking Government.

Bolshevism as a whole was condemned strongly by Mr. Fu Siao-wei, President of the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce, in a speech last Tuesday at 11:30 at the Union Club in Avenue Edward VII, given by General Yang Hu, chief-of-staff to General Chiang Kai-shek.

Mr. Fu said that Bolshevism had in a large measure brought about the present attitude of trades and industrial employees towards their employers. He praised General Chiang and General Hu for the excellent way in which they had subdued the Reds. He thought that negotiations should be opened immediately for the return of the foreign concessions in China.

BIBLE SOCIETY WORK.
LOCAL AUXILIARY'S SALES
OF SCRIPTURES.

The report on last year of the general committee of the British and Foreign Bible Society's Hongkong Auxiliary is issued, and records another period of progress. A tribute is paid to the work of the managers of the Wyndham Street depot.

During the year, a total of 8,850 publications were sold at the depot, including Bibles, Testaments, and portions of the Scriptures, the amount received thereby being \$2,566.31. The English list included 444 Bibles, and a number of Testaments and scriptural portions in bilingual printing, English and Cantonese. As regards purely Chinese texts, there were 500 Bibles in Cantonese sold during 1926.

Despite the disturbed conditions in the country, the sales by collectors were encouraging.

There is an appeal for continued support of the Society's labours. The year under review closed with a balance in hand at the bank of \$74.77.

ANTI-RED MEETING.

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2. That the Central Supervision Committee be supported.

3. That the Government be urged to eliminate the traitorous radicals.

4. That Chiang Kai-shek be urged to continue his anti-Northern campaign.

5. That the Government be requested to issue warrants for the arrest of all traitors.

6. That the Chairman of the Central Executive Committee be urged to go to Nanking and assume his position.

7. That the Government be urged to expel Boredin from China.

8. That a circular telegram be despatched throughout the country urging the authorities at various places to put an end to the Communist traitors.

9. That Feng Yu-shiang and Tseng Sung-chi be invited to join the anti-Northern Campaign.

Following the meeting handbills and pamphlets were passed out by the thousands and the meeting dispersed orderly into Boulevard des Deux Republiques.

MANILA HATS
DECLINE.

IMPROVED QUALITY WANTED.

Unless Philippine manufacturers produce better quality hats or reduce their prices, a great deal of export business will be lost. There has been lately a general tendency all over the world to reduce hat prices. Some local hat manufacturers think the Philippines should follow suit, but officials at the bureau of commerce and industry are of the opinion that a better alternative is to improve the quality, says a Manila Journal.

Hats made in China sell for less than those manufactured in the Philippines, because of cheaper labour. Chinese hats have proved satisfactory in the world market, while numerous complaints were registered last year against hats manufactured in the Philippines.